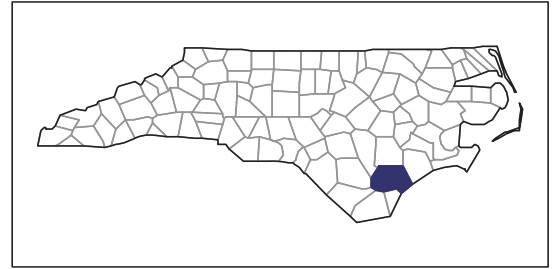


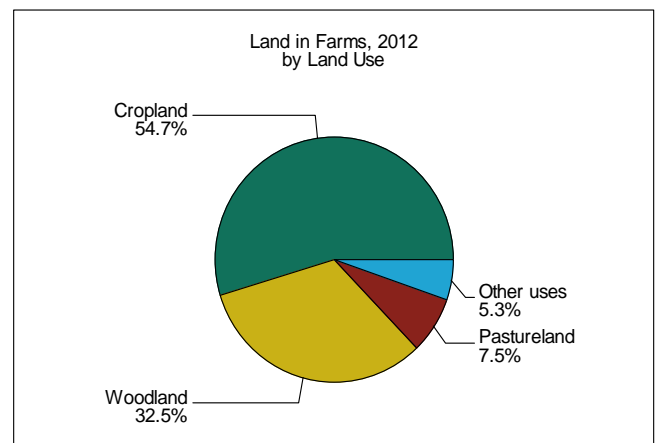
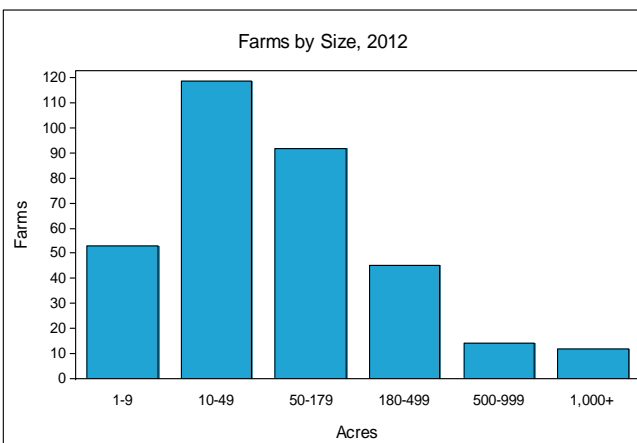
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Pender County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	335	357	- 6
Land in Farms	55,775 acres	61,571 acres	- 9
Average Size of Farm	166 acres	172 acres	- 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$173,553,000	\$164,998,000	+ 5
Crop Sales \$33,759,000 (19 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$139,793,000 (81 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$518,068	\$462,179	+ 12
Government Payments	\$1,532,000	\$555,000	+ 176
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$13,559	\$5,973	+ 127





Pender County – North Carolina

Ranked items among the 100 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	173,553	23	100	666	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	33,759	42	100	1,398	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	139,793	20	100	299	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	14,252	44	100	1,368	2,926
Tobacco	638	54	74	209	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	51	58	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,412	31	99	554	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	5,620	4	98	184	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,241	13	97	258	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	75	97	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	69,119	22	99	188	3,013
Cattle and calves	455	69	99	2,808	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	52	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	69,822	11	91	86	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	56	40	98	1,843	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	132	50	93	1,610	3,011
Aquaculture	202	21	58	514	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	8	71	95	2,329	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	11,378	47	92	1,084	2,162
Corn for grain	8,538	32	100	1,247	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	4,328	54	91	1,046	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	4,328	54	91	969	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,889	71	98	2,723	3,057
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,091,118	21	93	208	2,723
Turkeys	430,755	10	80	64	2,416
Hogs and pigs	203,873	12	94	80	2,889
Layers	133,663	21	100	325	3,040
Roosters	15,878	16	69	140	2,120

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	90	Farming	167
\$1,000 to \$2,499	41	Other	168
\$2,500 to \$4,999	14	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	54	Male	293
\$10,000 to \$19,999	21	Female	42
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	Black or African American	46
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	60	White	438
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	134,590	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	401,761	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	20
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	41,140		
Average per farm (\$)	122,805		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.