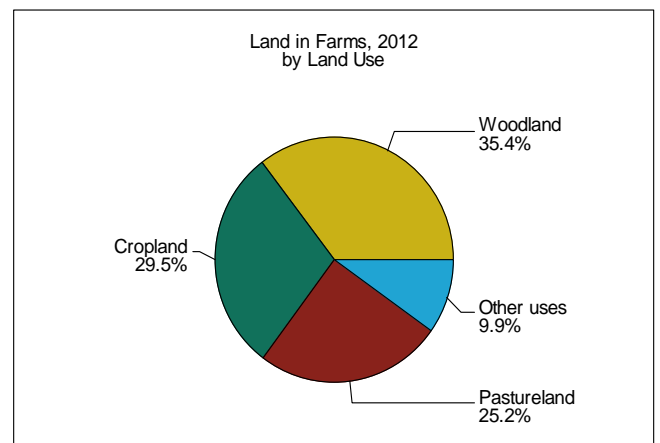
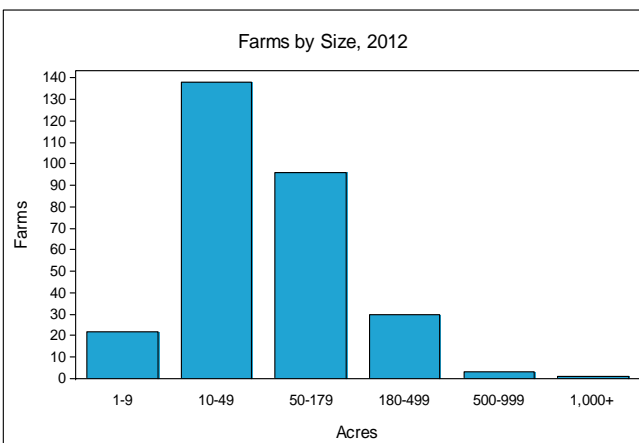


Polk County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	290	309	- 6
Land in Farms	24,101 acres	21,001 acres	+ 15
Average Size of Farm	83 acres	68 acres	+ 22
Market Value of Products Sold			
Crop Sales (D)	(D)	(D)	
Livestock Sales (D)	(D)	(D)	
Average Per Farm	(D)	(D)	
Government Payments			
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$56,000	\$83,000	- 33
	\$1,467	\$3,931	- 63





Polk 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	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,611	89	100	2,376	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	94	100	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	74	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	116	94	99	1,781	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	18	85	99	2,115	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,559	45	99	2,447	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	-	-	91	-	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	22	70	98	2,396	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	58	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	103	13	95	1,085	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,241	47	98	2,181	3,057
Grapes	132	6	86	131	2,144
Wheat for grain, all	(D)	85	91	(D)	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	85	91	(D)	2,480
Nursery stock crops	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,077
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	3,357	55	100	2,571	3,063
Layers	1,121	63	100	1,775	3,040
Horses and ponies	773	38	100	1,541	3,072
Goats, all	244	74	99	2,007	2,996
Alpacas	(D)	2	57	(D)	1,691

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	106	Farming	145
\$1,000 to \$2,499	36	Other	145
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	49	Male	197
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15	Female	93
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	Black or African American	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	2	White	443
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	11,477	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	39,576	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,624		
Average per farm (\$)	-5,601		

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.