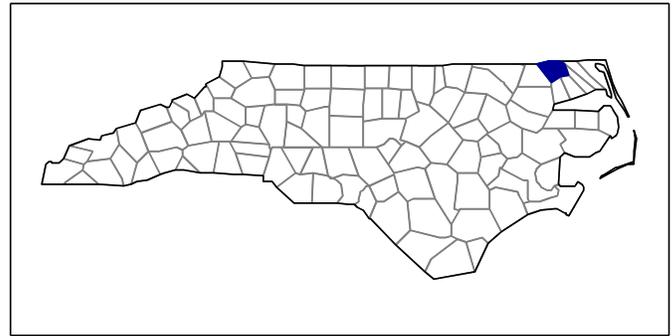




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Number of farms

129 farms in 2002, 174 farms in 1997, down 26 percent.

Land in farms

63,933 acres in 2002, 63,041 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Average size of farm

496 acres in 2002, 362 acres in 1997, up 37 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$32,121,000 in 2002, \$46,158,000 in 1997, down 30 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$14,735,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,386,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

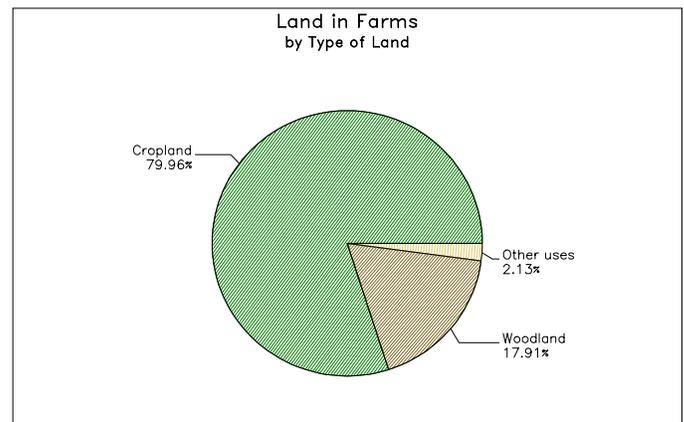
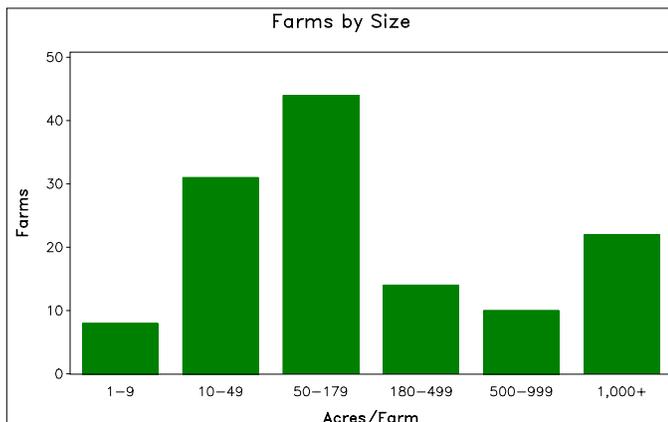
\$249,000 in 2002, \$265,276 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,155,000 in 2002, \$894,000 in 1997, up 29 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,987 in 2002, \$9,120 in 1997, up 86 percent.



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Ranked items among the 100 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	32,121	54	100	1,637	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,735	53	100	1,394	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,386	46	99	1,415	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,450	33	98	1,367	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	3,830	21	55	209	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	68	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	4,868	5	100	254	3,046
Poultry and eggs	10,615	41	95	441	2,918
Cattle and calves	262	79	99	2,875	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	64	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6,498	34	90	406	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	59	98	2,260	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	-	-	91	-	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	85	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,142,599	29	68	263	2,599
Hogs and pigs	28,183	35	91	425	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,001	52	95	1,389	2,983
Cattle and calves	964	88	99	2,925	3,059
All Goats	561	46	99	918	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	22,307	20	55	159	663
Soybeans	10,916	37	85	1,011	2,076
Peanuts	6,615	7	31	59	398
Corn for grain	6,544	31	100	1,175	2,592
All Wheat for grain	3,087	39	83	1,114	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	18	Farming	84
\$1,000 to \$2,499	5	Other	45
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6	Male	127
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	51.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	White	151
\$500,000 or more	19	Black or African American	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	25,790	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	204,680	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,288	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	57,843	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.