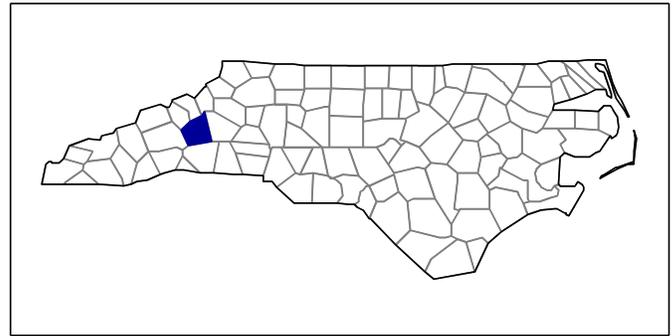




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Number of farms

282 farms in 2002, 289 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

24,441 acres in 2002, 24,085 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Average size of farm

87 acres in 2002, 83 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$22,752,000 in 2002, \$14,090,000 in 1997, up 61 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$15,484,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,268,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

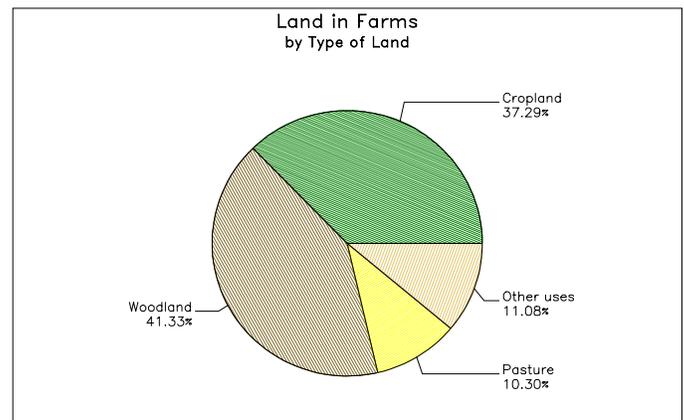
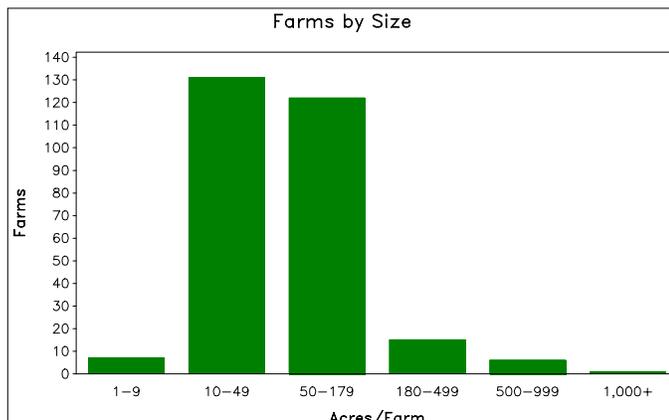
\$80,681 in 2002, \$48,754 in 1997, up 65 percent.

Government Payments

\$167,000 in 2002, \$27,000 in 1997, up 519 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,288 in 2002, \$1,407 in 1997, up 205 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	22,752	67	100	1,972	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	15,484	48	100	1,357	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,268	68	99	2,113	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	1	86	86	555	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5	99	100	2,580	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	110	50	99	1,195	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	14,772	7	96	192	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	232	68	100	2,452	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5,302	53	95	604	2,918
Cattle and calves	657	60	99	2,679	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,181	30	64	1,280	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	80	90	2,519	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	7	67	98	2,439	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	26	77	91	2,668	3,014
Aquaculture	73	25	51	640	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	18	25	85	1,585	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	448,301	47	68	395	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	93,908	23	95	412	2,983
Cattle and calves	3,833	60	99	2,635	3,059
Colonies of bees	423	8	84	656	2,392
Horses and ponies	297	63	99	2,624	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,666	57	100	2,490	3,059
Corn for silage	531	31	65	1,398	2,307
Soybeans	(D)	79	85	(D)	2,076
Nursery stock	338	18	90	320	2,129
Corn for grain	260	81	100	2,147	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	73	Farming	151
\$1,000 to \$2,499	66	Other	131
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	29	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23	Male	260
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Female	22
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18	White	403
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	11,175	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	40,786	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,458	Asian	15
Average per farm (\$)	30,868	More than one race	-
		All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.