

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Mecklenburg, North Carolina

#### Number of farms

300 farms in 2002, 377 farms in 1997, down 20 percent.

#### Land in farms

25,442 acres in 2002, 32,377 acres in 1997, down 21 percent.

#### Average size of farm

85 acres in 2002, 86 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$71,514,000 in 2002, \$43,439,000 in 1997, up 65 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$66,733,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,781,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

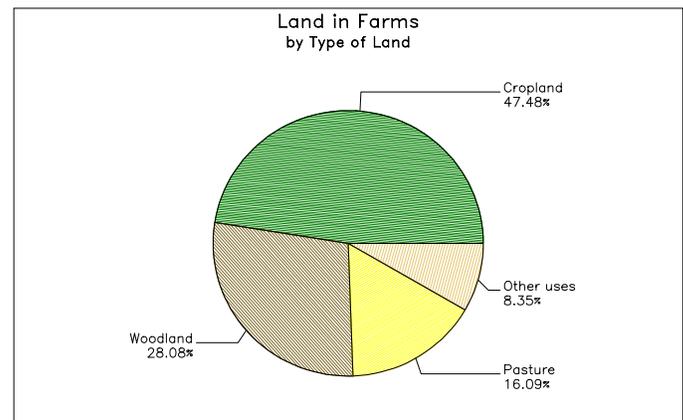
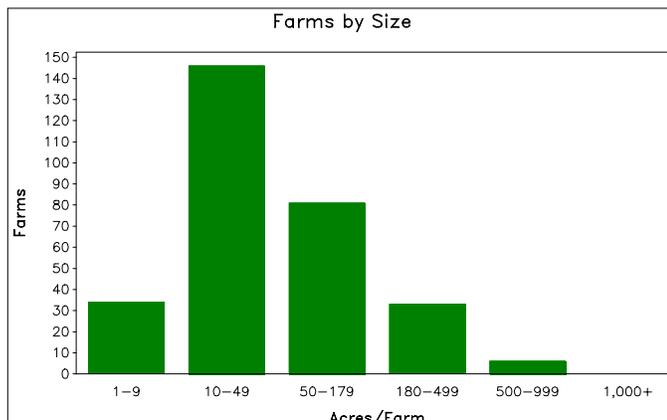
\$238,380 in 2002, \$115,223 in 1997, up 107 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$99,000 in 2002, \$98,000 in 1997, up 1 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,356 in 2002, \$1,967 in 1997, up 20 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	71,514	29	100	785	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	66,733	2	100	312	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,781	76	99	2,369	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	379	71	98	2,080	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	160	77	100	1,470	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	20	90	99	1,958	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	65,832	1	96	37	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	68	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,603	39	99	2,307	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	730	36	64	1,485	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	81	90	2,559	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	14	52	98	2,104	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	66	57	91	2,168	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Quail	(D)	4	44	(D)	1,412
Cattle and calves	4,100	55	99	2,611	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	783	57	95	1,574	2,983
All Goats	650	44	99	792	2,971
Horses and ponies	594	43	99	1,954	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,970	55	100	2,436	3,059
All Wheat for grain	1,512	58	83	1,389	2,517
Soybeans	1,365	70	85	1,469	2,076
Corn for silage	250	38	65	1,676	2,307
Nursery stock	(D)	25	90	(D)	2,129

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	77	Farming	145
\$1,000 to \$2,499	60	Other	155
\$2,500 to \$4,999	55		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	49	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29	Male	244
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	56
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	White	424
\$500,000 or more	7	Black or African American	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	58,536	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	193,829	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	13,225	Asian	4
Average per farm (\$)	43,792	More than one race	-
		All operators <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.