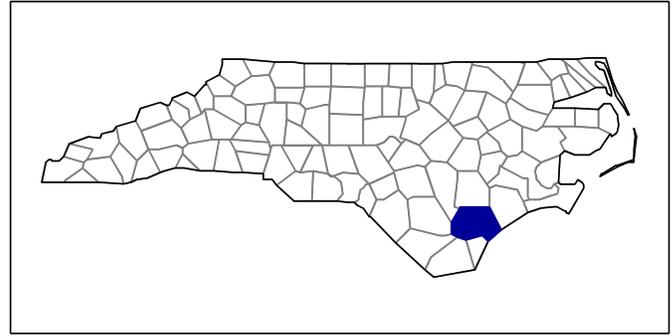




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Number of farms

296 farms in 2002, 333 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

62,714 acres in 2002, 69,881 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Average size of farm

212 acres in 2002, 210 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$101,662,000 in 2002, \$111,010,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$22,352,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$79,309,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

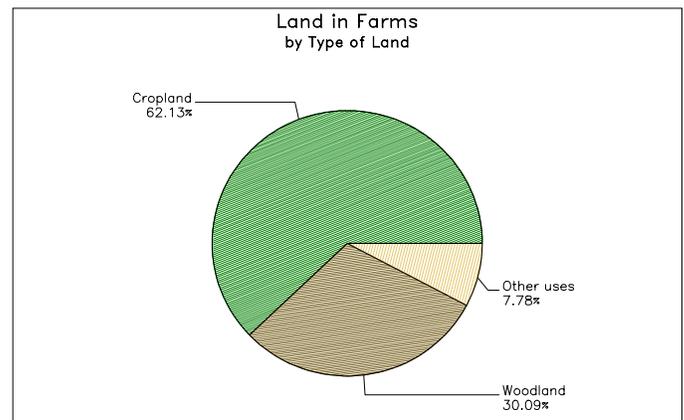
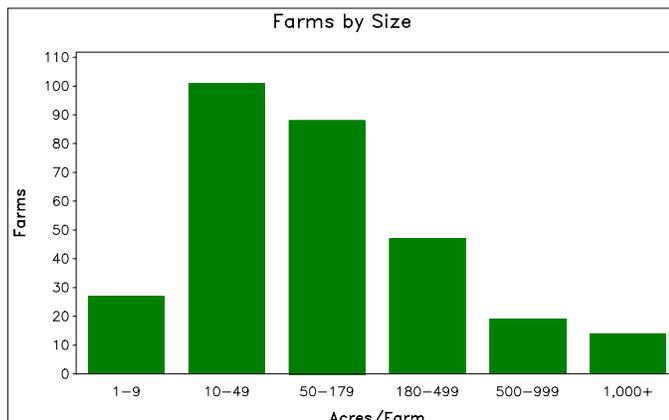
\$343,451 in 2002, \$333,363 in 1997, up 3 percent.

Government Payments

\$417,000 in 2002, \$329,000 in 1997, up 27 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,730 in 2002, \$3,611 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	101,662	19	100	496	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	22,352	34	100	1,082	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	79,309	14	99	290	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,044	28	98	1,317	2,871
Tobacco	4,904	38	86	99	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,235	33	55	336	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,562	22	100	471	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,471	3	99	181	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,879	21	96	419	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	15,374	31	95	350	2,918
Cattle and calves	341	73	99	2,821	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	64	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	62,940	8	90	30	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	58	16	98	1,150	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	308	17	91	710	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	369,680	10	71	71	2,328
Hogs and pigs	289,573	7	91	32	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	192,000	53	68	478	2,599
Cattle and calves	2,345	71	99	2,779	3,059
All Goats	489	47	99	1,025	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	12,635	34	85	975	2,076
Corn for grain	8,662	27	100	1,101	2,592
All Cotton	6,434	33	55	299	663
All Wheat for grain	3,158	37	83	1,103	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,938	75	100	2,753	3,059

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	67	Farming	183
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23	Other	113
\$2,500 to \$4,999	29		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	14	Male	277
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Female	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	13	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	White	361
\$500,000 or more	60	Black or African American	28
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	78,470	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	262,440	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,095	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	83,930	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.