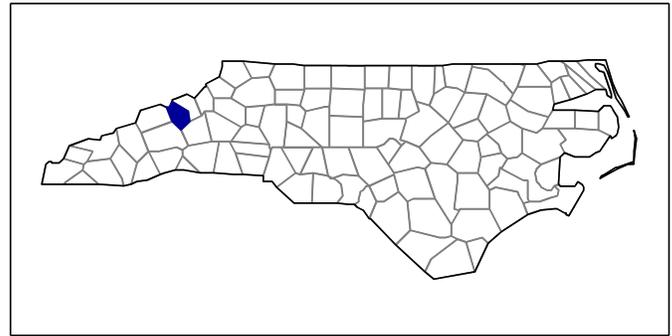




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Yancey, North Carolina

### Number of farms

622 farms in 2002, 745 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Land in farms

38,658 acres in 2002, 44,137 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Average size of farm

62 acres in 2002, 59 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$5,596,000 in 2002, \$6,062,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,308,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,288,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

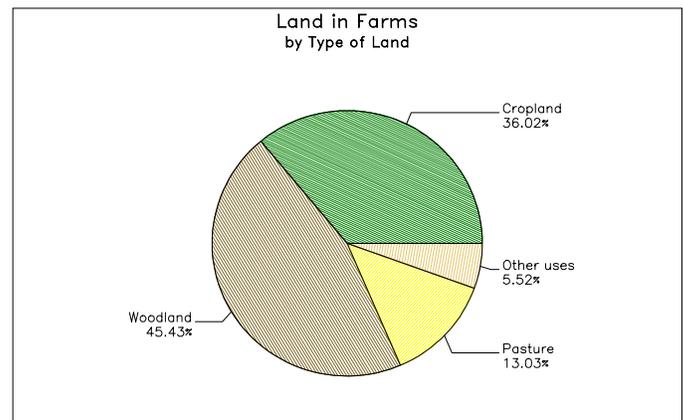
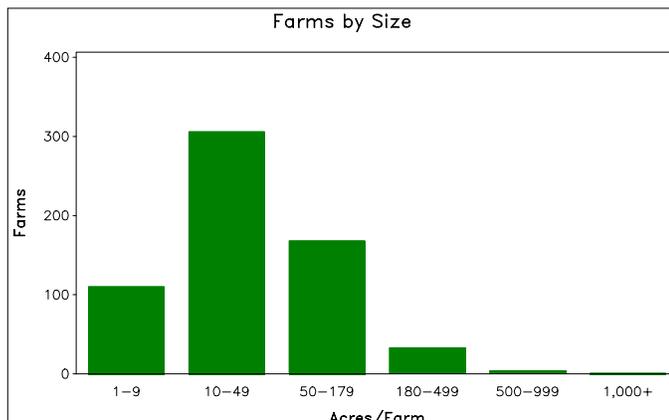
\$8,997 in 2002, \$8,136 in 1997, up 11 percent.

### Government Payments

\$77,000 in 2002, \$35,000 in 1997, up 120 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,248 in 2002, \$1,509 in 1997, down 17 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	5,596	92	100	2,744	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,308	85	100	2,163	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,288	84	99	2,828	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2	98	98	2,829	2,871
Tobacco	2,326	49	86	174	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	147	80	100	1,514	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	37	84	99	1,716	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,421	57	96	947	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	271	12	68	203	1,774
Other crops and hay	103	82	100	2,779	3,046
Poultry and eggs	9	83	95	2,016	2,918
Cattle and calves	826	56	99	2,624	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	313	47	64	1,851	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10	76	90	2,313	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	12	56	98	2,188	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	115	46	91	1,645	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2	56	85	2,276	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	4,926	53	99	2,531	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	662	59	95	1,694	2,983
All Goats	415	52	99	1,171	2,971
Horses and ponies	403	58	99	2,361	3,065
Hogs and pigs	179	72	91	2,083	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,555	60	100	2,508	3,059
Tobacco	976	43	86	134	563
Cut Christmas trees	454	8	69	206	1,877
Nursery stock	180	26	90	490	2,129
Corn for silage	134	49	65	1,885	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	132	Farming	314
\$1,000 to \$2,499	138	Other	308
\$2,500 to \$4,999	117		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	105	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	61	Male	578
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Female	44
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	830
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,559	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	10,614	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,900	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	4,692	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	15

(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.