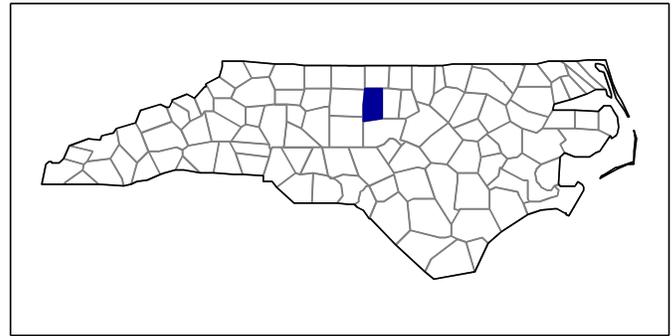




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Number of farms

831 farms in 2002, 890 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

97,793 acres in 2002, 113,548 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Average size of farm

118 acres in 2002, 128 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$28,713,000 in 2002, \$35,065,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,490,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$18,223,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

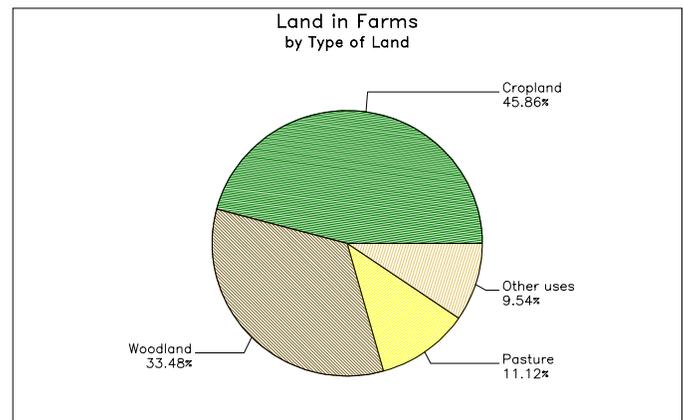
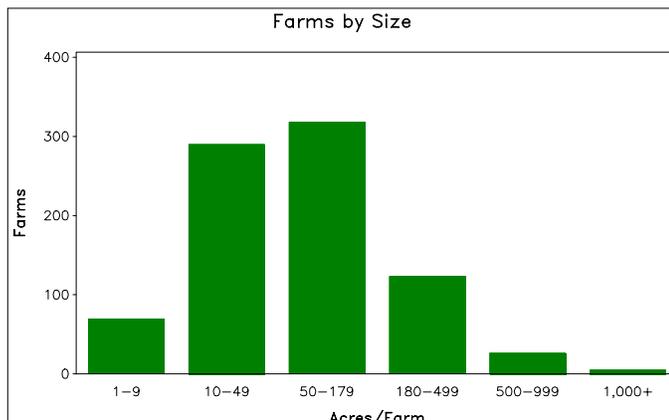
\$34,552 in 2002, \$39,399 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$400,000 in 2002, \$246,000 in 1997, up 63 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,630 in 2002, \$1,672 in 1997, up 57 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	28,713	59	100	1,750	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,490	65	100	1,619	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,223	42	99	1,376	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	696	65	98	1,892	2,871
Tobacco	5,059	37	86	96	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	323	63	100	1,155	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,439	32	96	581	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	515	39	100	1,879	3,046
Poultry and eggs	9,613	43	95	466	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,816	17	99	1,728	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,231	13	64	700	2,493
Hogs and pigs	190	63	90	1,281	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	16	49	98	2,066	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	353	12	91	607	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)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	452,921	46	68	393	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	233,598	12	95	263	2,983
Cattle and calves	16,307	16	99	1,660	3,059
Hogs and pigs	1,070	63	91	1,323	2,926
Horses and ponies	834	31	99	1,524	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,905	17	100	1,440	3,059
All Wheat for grain	2,905	42	83	1,137	2,517
Corn for silage	2,165	12	65	715	2,307
Soybeans	1,522	67	85	1,441	2,076
Tobacco	1,365	37	86	102	563

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	200	Farming	436
\$1,000 to \$2,499	167	Other	395
\$2,500 to \$4,999	100		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	119	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	90	Male	754
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	77
\$25,000 to \$39,999	33		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	25	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21	White	1,128
\$500,000 or more	12	Black or African American	24
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	25,178	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	29,796	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,643	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	7,861	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(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.