

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Beaufort, North Carolina

Number of farms

395 farms in 2002, 429 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

169,788 acres in 2002, 155,192 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

Average size of farm

430 acres in 2002, 362 acres in 1997, up 19 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$73,885,000 in 2002, \$80,814,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$48,747,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$25,138,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

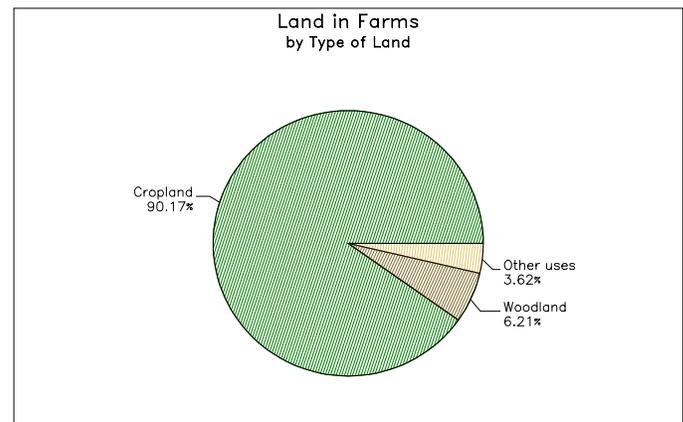
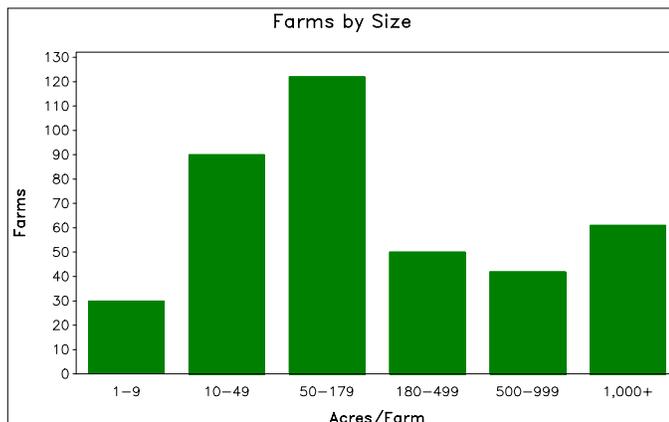
\$187,050 in 2002, \$188,377 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,403,000 in 2002, \$1,519,000 in 1997, up 58 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,731 in 2002, \$6,546 in 1997, up 110 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	73,885	28	100	753	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	48,747	10	100	492	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,138	38	99	1,100	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	24,970	1	98	567	2,871
Tobacco	8,780	27	86	48	560
Cotton and cottonseed	12,107	1	55	81	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	434	56	100	1,054	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	109	51	99	1,202	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,996	46	96	806	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	68	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	351	49	100	2,181	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	158	88	99	2,933	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	64	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	19,108	20	90	167	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	85	98	2,796	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	5,028	1	51	52	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	73	85	2,520	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	81,178	20	91	194	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	60	68	(D)	2,599
Quail	(D)	15	44	(D)	1,412
Cattle and calves	1,491	80	99	2,863	3,059
All Goats	288	62	99	1,524	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	60,112	2	85	486	2,076
Corn for grain	47,984	1	100	515	2,592
All Cotton	33,469	10	55	108	663
All Wheat for grain	31,246	3	83	352	2,517
Tobacco	2,433	27	86	45	563

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	61	Farming	267
\$1,000 to \$2,499	32	Other	128
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	33	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	26	Male	366
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	29
\$25,000 to \$39,999	25		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	48	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	51	White	522
\$500,000 or more	41	Black or African American	21
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	61,954	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	157,644	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	16,268	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	41,395	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.