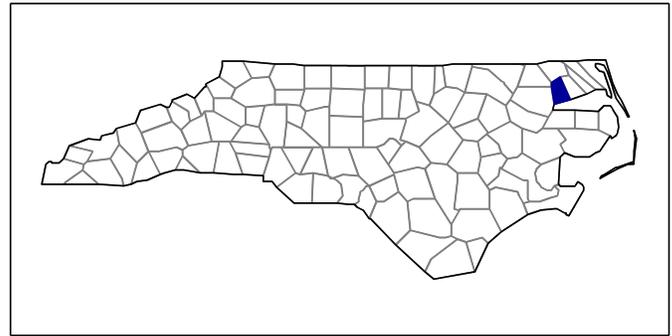




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Number of farms

173 farms in 2002, 175 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

59,890 acres in 2002, 52,736 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

Average size of farm

346 acres in 2002, 301 acres in 1997, up 15 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$38,155,000 in 2002, \$35,045,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$27,856,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,299,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

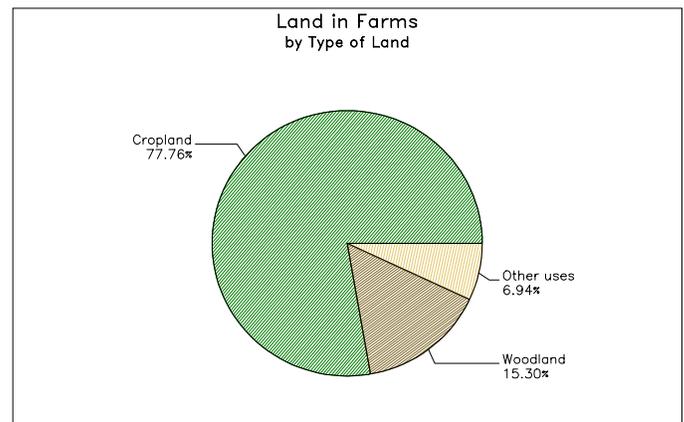
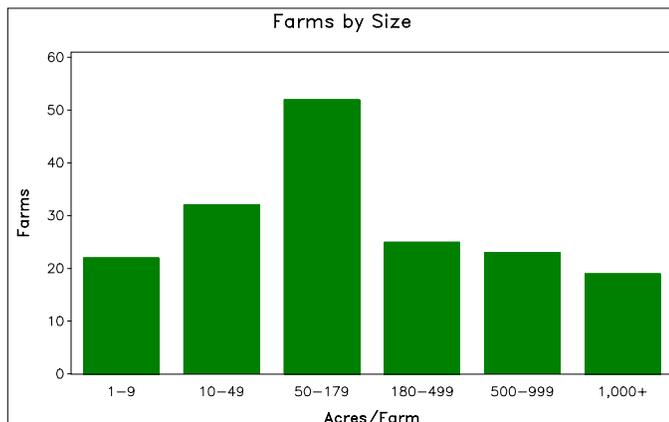
\$220,552 in 2002, \$200,256 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,674,000 in 2002, \$766,000 in 1997, up 119 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$27,441 in 2002, \$8,242 in 1997, up 233 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	38,155	49	100	1,481	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	27,856	26	100	921	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,299	61	99	1,863	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,970	43	98	1,570	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	6,212	13	55	152	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,955	20	100	433	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	12,399	8	96	217	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,736	8	100	324	3,046
Poultry and eggs	7,272	48	95	534	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	64	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,740	40	90	637	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	6	90	91	2,962	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	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	786,440	38	68	323	2,599
Hogs and pigs	12,850	41	91	643	2,926
Cattle and calves	1,421	82	99	2,872	3,059
Colonies of bees	(D)	2	84	(D)	2,392
Horses and ponies	112	85	99	2,942	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	24,648	18	55	145	663
Soybeans	6,683	52	85	1,137	2,076
Peanuts	5,714	8	31	70	398
Corn for grain	3,360	45	100	1,417	2,592
All Wheat for grain	1,187	64	83	1,477	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	16	Farming	119
\$1,000 to \$2,499	12	Other	54
\$2,500 to \$4,999	14		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	21	Male	169
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	34	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	27	White	226
\$500,000 or more	12	Black or African American	21
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	30,463	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	178,144	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,872	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	40,189	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.