

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Forsyth, North Carolina

Number of farms

783 farms in 2002, 796 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

51,598 acres in 2002, 57,515 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Average size of farm

66 acres in 2002, 72 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$14,144,000 in 2002, \$16,599,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,365,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,779,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

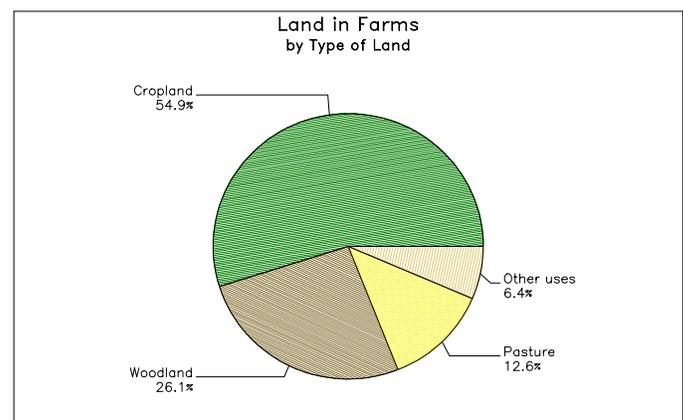
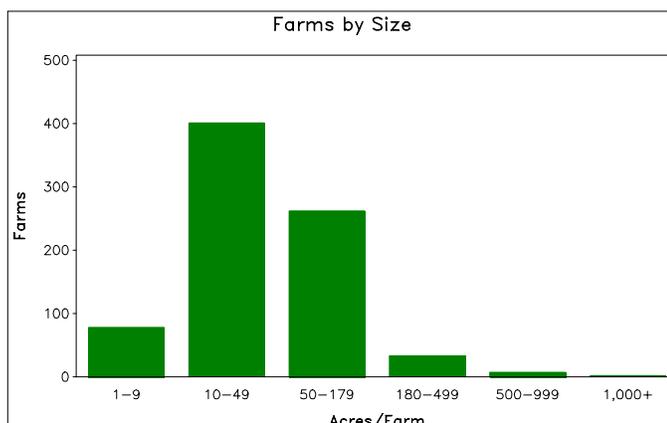
\$18,064 in 2002, \$20,853 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Government Payments

\$122,000 in 2002, \$113,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,406 in 2002, \$1,133 in 1997, up 24 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	14,144	80	100	2,308	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,365	60	100	1,565	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,779	80	99	2,604	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,009	59	98	1,766	2,871
Tobacco	4,383	42	86	115	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	630	47	100	914	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,730	26	96	474	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	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	930	35	64	1,401	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	82	90	2,568	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	22	39	98	1,833	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	406	8	91	523	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	7	39	85	1,971	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	39	95	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	5,771	50	99	2,446	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,715	5	99	610	3,065
All Goats	763	34	99	671	2,971
Sheep and lambs	262	28	89	1,838	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,553	34	100	1,820	3,059
Soybeans	5,051	60	85	1,200	2,076
Corn for grain	1,514	54	100	1,661	2,592
Tobacco	1,237	41	86	111	563
Corn for silage	694	26	65	1,274	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	264	Farming	425
\$1,000 to \$2,499	202	Other	358
\$2,500 to \$4,999	111		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	82	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	49	Male	668
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	115
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	White	1,031
\$500,000 or more	6	Black or African American	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,645	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	28,700	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,221	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	2,815	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.