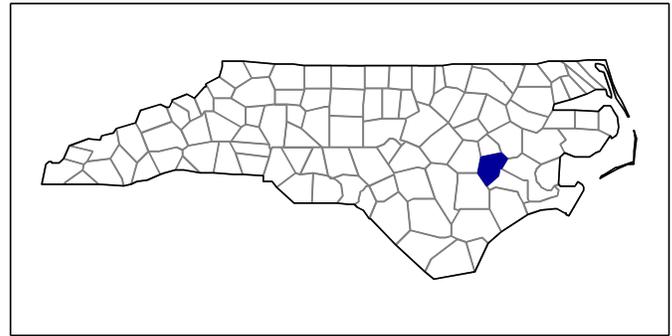




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Number of farms

428 farms in 2002, 495 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

121,520 acres in 2002, 152,570 acres in 1997, down 20 percent.

Average size of farm

284 acres in 2002, 308 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$141,375,000 in 2002, \$201,492,000 in 1997, down 30 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$41,726,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$99,649,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

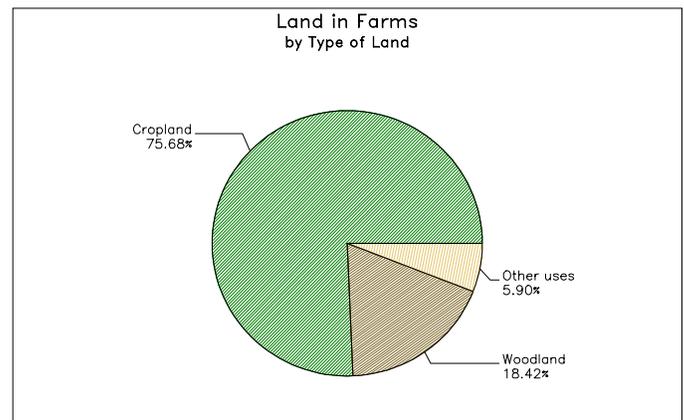
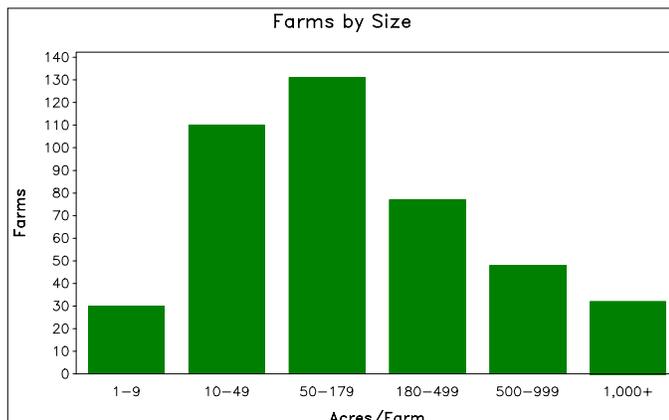
\$330,315 in 2002, \$407,055 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,229,000 in 2002, \$1,443,000 in 1997, up 54 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,587 in 2002, \$5,638 in 1997, up 176 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	141,375	12	100	281	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	41,726	13	100	603	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	99,649	13	99	207	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,198	19	98	1,156	2,871
Tobacco	19,054	12	86	16	560
Cotton and cottonseed	9,295	4	55	104	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,679	17	100	381	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	410	20	99	606	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	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	33,877	23	95	207	2,918
Cattle and calves	614	62	99	2,697	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	64,712	7	90	27	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	26	35	98	1,717	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	70	85	2,474	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	929,000	33	68	302	2,599
Turkeys	719,624	6	71	39	2,328
Hogs and pigs	274,844	8	91	34	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	38	95	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	3,740	61	99	2,643	3,059
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	38,779	6	55	93	663
Soybeans	21,938	20	85	806	2,076
Corn for grain	15,575	17	100	886	2,592
All Wheat for grain	7,001	19	83	778	2,517
Tobacco	5,349	10	86	13	563

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	64	Farming	327
\$1,000 to \$2,499	31	Other	101
\$2,500 to \$4,999	38		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	34	Male	411
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	17
\$25,000 to \$39,999	4		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	55	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	52	White	565
\$500,000 or more	85	Black or African American	17
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	120,483	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	282,162	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	26,392	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	61,808	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.