

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Orange, North Carolina

Number of farms

627 farms in 2002, 577 farms in 1997, up 9 percent.

Land in farms

71,010 acres in 2002, 72,673 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

113 acres in 2002, 126 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$22,114,000 in 2002, \$25,569,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,250,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,864,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

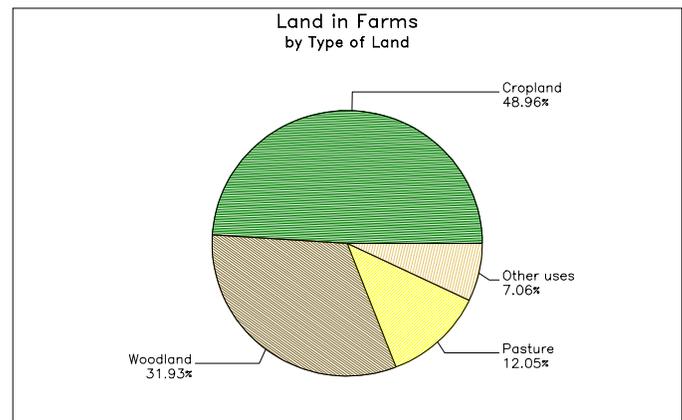
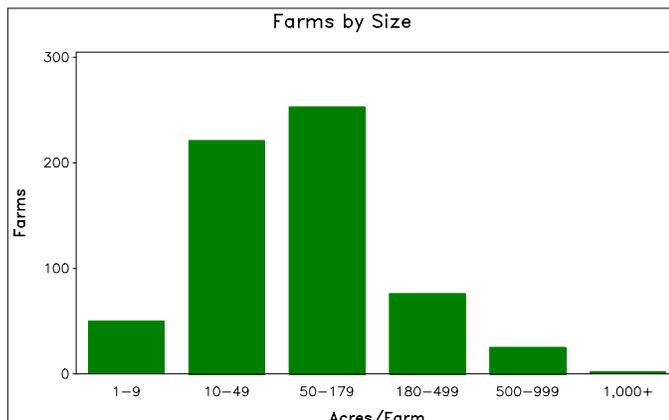
\$35,270 in 2002, \$44,314 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Government Payments

\$551,000 in 2002, \$265,000 in 1997, up 108 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,629 in 2002, \$2,137 in 1997, up 117 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	22,114	69	100	2,000	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,250	61	100	1,576	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,864	60	99	1,810	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	560	69	98	1,967	2,871
Tobacco	3,446	45	86	138	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,318	20	96	391	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	621	29	100	1,693	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1,985	63	95	825	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,592	27	99	1,996	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,982	9	64	631	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	54	19	98	1,210	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	97	7	85	870	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	115,720	20	95	375	2,983
Cattle and calves	12,025	27	99	1,904	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	50	91	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,459	9	99	796	3,065
Sheep and lambs	828	8	89	1,111	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,646	19	100	1,457	3,059
Corn for silage	2,036	14	65	747	2,307
Soybeans	1,639	66	85	1,421	2,076
All Wheat for grain	1,416	59	83	1,419	2,517
Tobacco	859	47	86	148	563

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	156	Farming	356
\$1,000 to \$2,499	133	Other	271
\$2,500 to \$4,999	72		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	75	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	68	Male	497
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Female	130
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	White	857
\$500,000 or more	9	Black or African American	40
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,894	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	28,403	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,038	Asian	2
Average per farm (\$)	4,822	More than one race	8
		All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	14

(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.