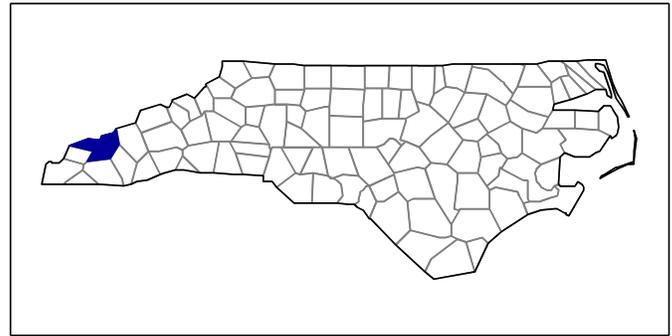




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Number of farms

83 farms in 2002, 107 farms in 1997, down 22 percent.

Land in farms

7,121 acres in 2002, 8,399 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

Average size of farm

86 acres in 2002, 78 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,143,000 in 2002, \$2,523,000 in 1997, down 55 percent.

Crop sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

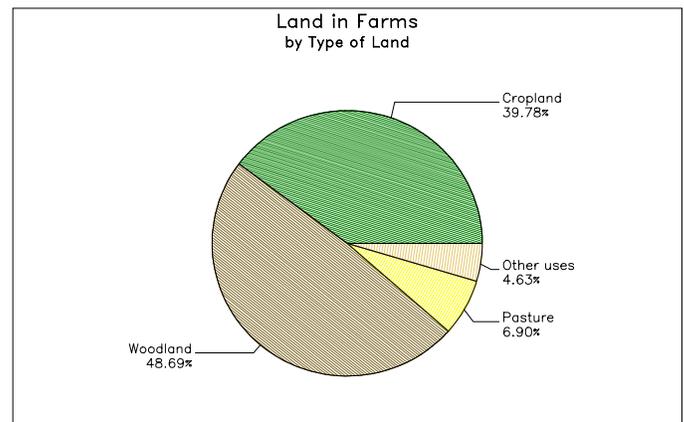
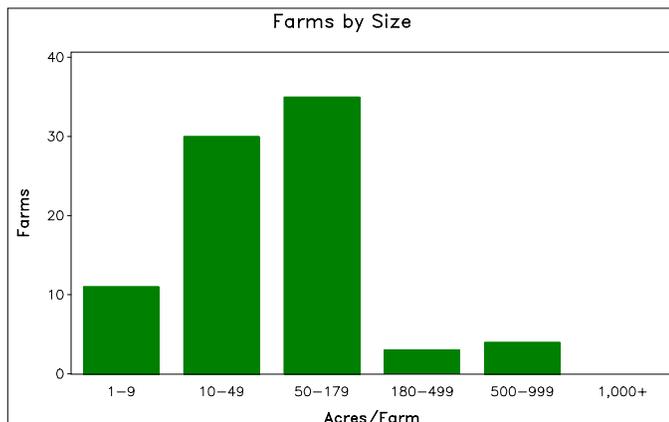
\$13,768 in 2002, \$23,583 in 1997, down 42 percent.

Government Payments

\$4,000 in 2002, \$19,000 in 1997, down 79 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$247 in 2002, \$2,126 in 1997, down 88 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	1,143	99	100	3,000	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4	93	98	2,804	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	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	93	91	96	2,104	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	119	20	68	387	1,774
Other crops and hay	33	93	100	2,946	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(Z)	94	95	2,775	2,918
Cattle and calves	102	91	99	2,969	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1	92	98	2,906	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	-	-	91	-	3,014
Aquaculture	126	18	51	530	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	85	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	678	91	99	2,959	3,059
All Goats	134	83	99	2,108	2,971
Horses and ponies	66	93	99	3,002	3,065
Ducks	48	48	79	1,606	2,630
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	93	95	(D)	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,252	80	100	2,844	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	51	28	69	828	1,877
All Vegetables harvested	48	79	98	1,608	2,710
Corn for grain	41	91	100	2,421	2,592
All Berries ³	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,019

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	24
\$1,000 to \$2,499	21
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10
\$10,000 to \$19,999	10
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	2
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,078
Average per farm (\$)	12,834
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	128
Average per farm (\$)	1,518

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	45
Other	38
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	78
Female	5
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	97
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	15
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.