

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Transylvania, North Carolina

Number of farms

256 farms in 2002, 228 farms in 1997, up 12 percent.

Land in farms

18,171 acres in 2002, 15,710 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Average size of farm

71 acres in 2002, 69 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$16,617,000 in 2002, \$10,564,000 in 1997, up 57 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$12,535,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,082,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

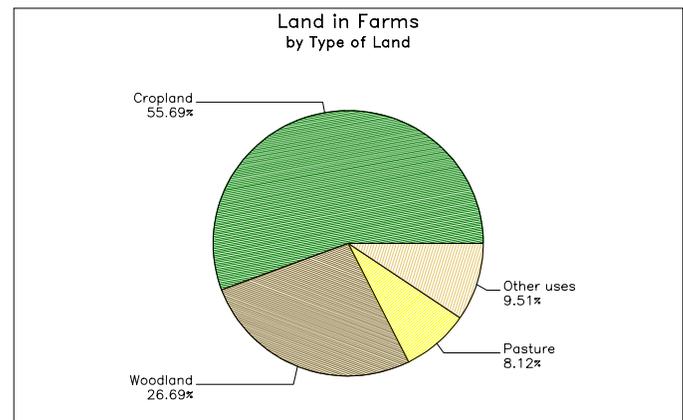
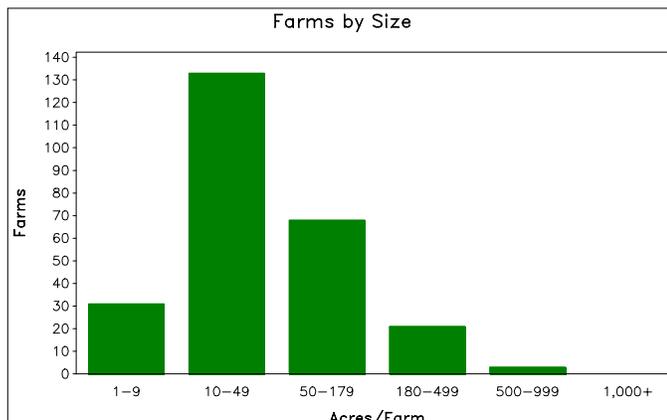
\$64,909 in 2002, \$46,335 in 1997, up 40 percent.

Government Payments

\$52,000 in 2002, \$12,000 in 1997, up 333 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,597 in 2002, \$846 in 1997, up 207 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	16,617	76	100	2,220	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	12,535	59	100	1,509	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,082	77	99	2,440	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	69	76	86	415	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	351	60	100	1,126	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	11,161	11	96	234	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	274	11	68	200	1,774
Other crops and hay	655	27	100	1,645	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	600	64	99	2,702	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	64	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	38	25	98	1,473	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	41	66	91	2,451	3,014
Aquaculture	3,397	2	51	68	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	4	45	85	2,116	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	2,921	66	99	2,715	3,059
Horses and ponies	526	47	99	2,098	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	223	79	95	2,419	2,983
All Goats	213	76	99	1,765	2,971
Sheep and lambs	110	50	89	2,239	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,219	63	100	2,561	3,059
Nursery stock	(D)	4	90	(D)	2,129
Sod harvested	(D)	6	34	(D)	740
Dry herbs	(D)	2	5	(D)	109
Cut Christmas trees	307	10	69	285	1,877

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	72	Farming	118
\$1,000 to \$2,499	43	Other	138
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31	Male	225
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	31
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	White	355
\$500,000 or more	8	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	10,372	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	40,359	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,616	Asian	4
Average per farm (\$)	21,851	More than one race	7
		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.