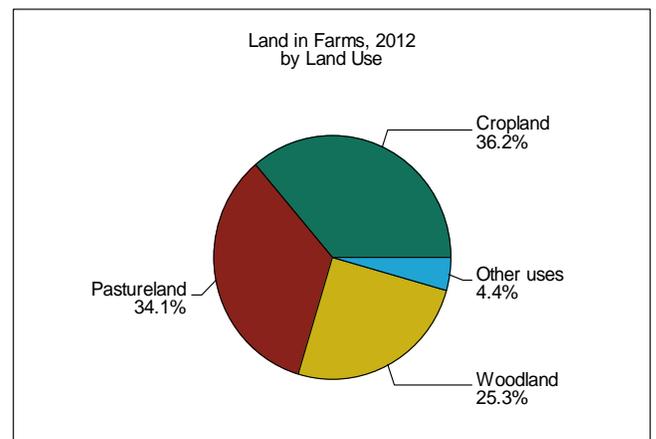
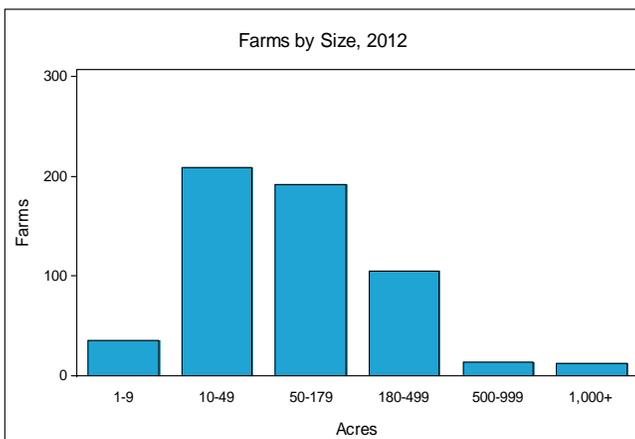


Alleghany County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	567	519	+ 9
Land in Farms	90,926 acres	76,656 acres	+ 19
Average Size of Farm	160 acres	148 acres	+ 8
Market Value of Products Sold	\$36,340,000	\$33,994,000	+ 7
Crop Sales \$20,585,000 (57 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$15,754,000 (43 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$64,091	\$65,500	- 2
Government Payments	\$590,000	\$389,000	+ 52
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,505	\$5,717	- 21





Alleghany County – North Carolina

Ranked items among the 100 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	36,340	65	100	2,005	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	20,585	57	100	1,687	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,754	60	100	1,818	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,138	65	100	1,915	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	59	74	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,234	24	99	407	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	47	83	98	1,812	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	582	73	97	1,277	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	11,064	3	50	8	1,530
Other crops and hay	919	54	97	1,998	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	88	99	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	10,134	8	99	1,300	3,056
Milk from cows	5,545	8	52	683	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	20	72	98	2,433	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	27	69	93	2,567	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	58	58	1,356	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	2	88	95	2,710	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,173	20	98	1,448	3,057
Cut Christmas trees	9,767	2	51	5	1,557
Corn for silage	3,025	4	65	584	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	(D)	61	91	(D)	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	61	91	(D)	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	23,828	7	100	1,179	3,063
Layers	668	70	100	2,168	3,040
Horses and ponies	391	56	100	2,300	3,072
Quail	240	18	28	438	944
Goats, all	212	78	99	2,124	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	120	Farming	282
\$1,000 to \$2,499	54	Other	285
\$2,500 to \$4,999	65		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	78	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	59	Male	508
\$20,000 to \$24,999	29	Female	59
\$25,000 to \$39,999	40		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	49		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	36	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	16	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	33,026	Black or African American	3
Average per farm (\$)	58,246	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	862
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,965	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	8,757	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	3

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.