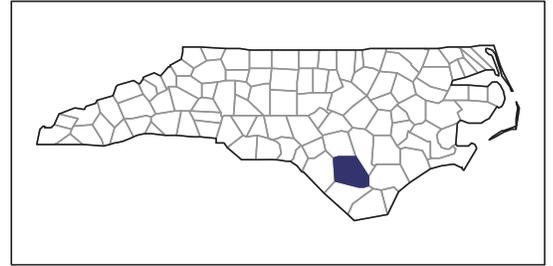


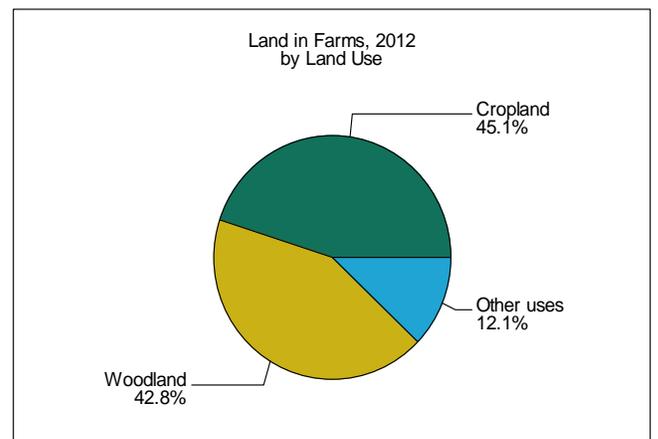
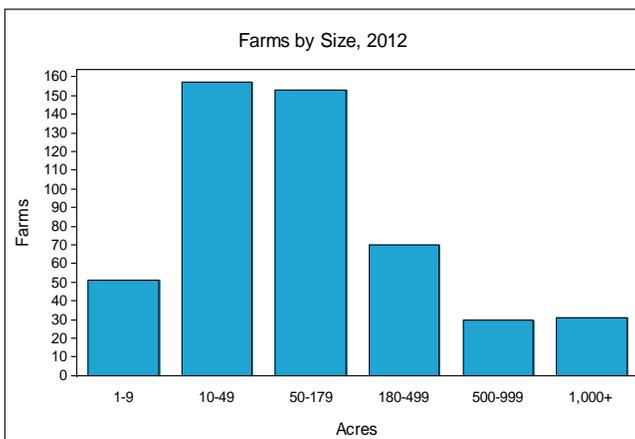
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Bladen County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	492	500	- 2
Land in Farms	117,323 acres	127,171 acres	- 8
Average Size of Farm	238 acres	254 acres	- 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$308,538,000	\$338,494,000	- 9
Crop Sales \$59,676,000 (19 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$248,862,000 (81 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$627,110	\$676,987	- 7
Government Payments	\$1,102,000	\$2,260,000	- 51
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,770	\$10,514	- 45





Bladen 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	308,538	7	100	264	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	59,676	25	100	1,028	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	248,862	7	100	125	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	20,003	33	100	1,236	2,926
Tobacco	1,643	47	74	151	436
Cotton and cottonseed	1,304	37	58	410	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,100	44	99	806	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	26,216	1	98	90	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,544	40	97	547	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	5,866	14	97	510	3,049
Poultry and eggs	82,276	18	99	148	3,013
Cattle and calves	960	55	99	2,628	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	52	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	165,496	4	91	16	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	15	77	98	2,548	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	104	53	93	1,803	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	49	58	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	66	95	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	17,132	14	100	1,021	2,638
Soybeans for beans	10,831	48	92	1,096	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	5,074	45	91	972	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	5,074	45	91	895	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,897	54	98	2,371	3,057
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,583,952	25	93	243	2,723
Turkeys	728,808	6	80	42	2,416
Hogs and pigs	650,749	3	94	11	2,889
Layers	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,040
Cattle and calves	3,123	56	100	2,598	3,063

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	130	Farming	262
\$1,000 to \$2,499	36	Other	230
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35	Male	438
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Female	54
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17	American Indian or Alaska Native	12
\$500,000 or more	96	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	234,136	Black or African American	54
Average per farm (\$)	475,886	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	647
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	77,325	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	157,165	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	17

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.