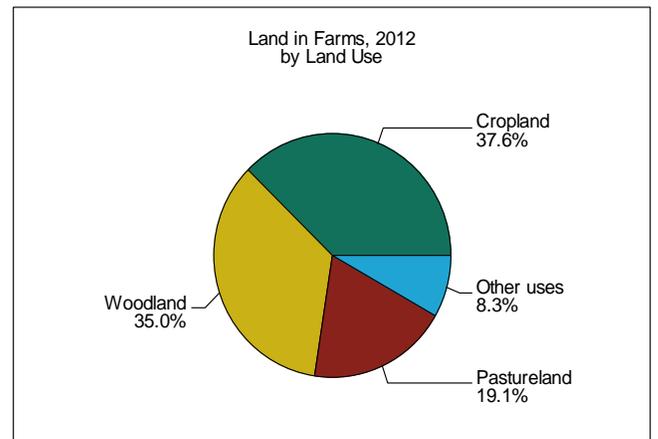
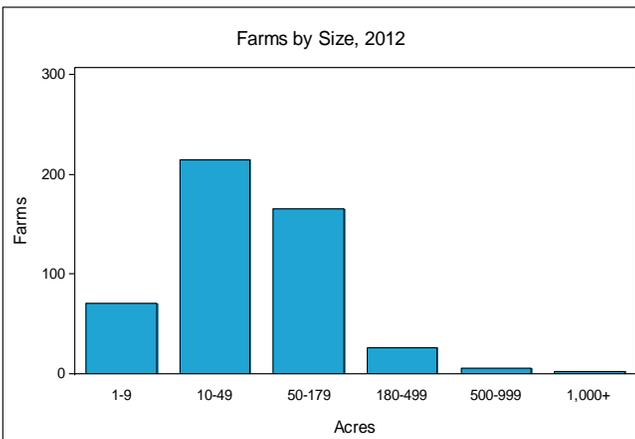


**Burke County
 North Carolina**

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	486	481	+ 1
Land in Farms	34,387 acres	29,068 acres	+ 18
Average Size of Farm	71 acres	60 acres	+ 18
Market Value of Products Sold	\$45,375,000	\$35,594,000	+ 27
Crop Sales \$11,340,000 (25 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$34,035,000 (75 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$93,364	\$73,999	+ 26
Government Payments	\$70,000	\$104,000	- 33
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,203	\$2,598	+ 23





2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE

Burke 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	45,375	63	100	1,845	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,340	78	100	2,021	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	34,035	44	100	1,194	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,767	75	100	2,090	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	74	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	429	70	99	1,161	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	425	27	98	775	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	7,563	17	97	328	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	641	7	50	49	1,530
Other crops and hay	514	69	97	2,410	3,049
Poultry and eggs	32,597	36	99	330	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,043	53	99	2,602	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	52	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	3	84	91	2,458	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	50	45	98	1,907	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	330	23	93	837	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	58	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	12	62	95	2,132	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,255	41	98	2,052	3,057
Nursery stock crops	2,152	1	91	27	2,077
Corn for grain	1,489	63	100	1,800	2,638
Soybeans for beans	670	80	92	1,761	2,162
Cut Christmas trees	599	7	51	89	1,557
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	979,392	37	93	312	2,723
Layers	138,676	20	100	320	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	26	83	(D)	2,637
Roosters	16,468	14	69	132	2,120
Cattle and calves	4,092	50	100	2,491	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	148	Farming	246
\$1,000 to \$2,499	87	Other	240
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	62	Male	411
\$10,000 to \$19,999	49	Female	75
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14	Asian	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19	Black or African American	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	26	White	729
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	42,001	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	86,421	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	14
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,662		
Average per farm (\$)	9,593		

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.