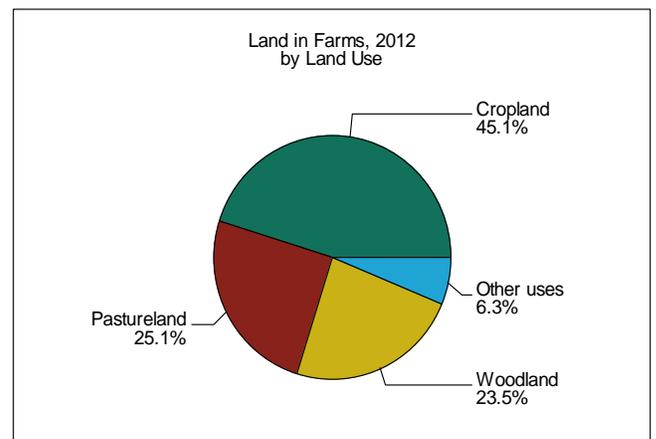
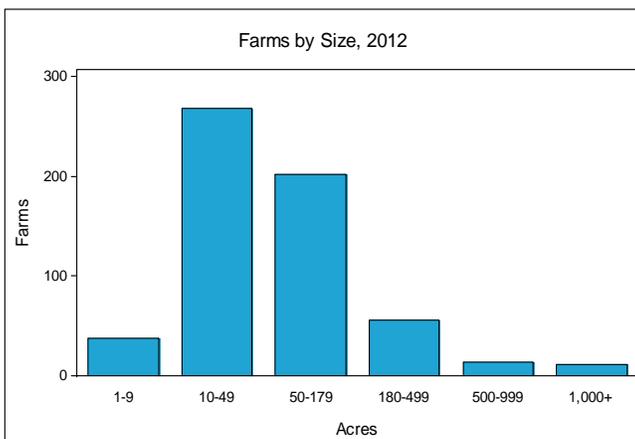


Cabarrus County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	589	611	- 4
Land in Farms	66,241 acres	66,780 acres	- 1
Average Size of Farm	112 acres	109 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$55,854,000	\$52,394,000	+ 7
Crop Sales \$13,874,000 (25 percent) Livestock Sales \$41,980,000 (75 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$94,829	\$85,752	+ 11
Government Payments	\$427,000	\$675,000	- 37
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,084	\$6,305	- 19





Cabarrus 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	55,854	57	100	1,683	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	13,874	73	100	1,922	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	41,980	40	100	1,027	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	7,794	57	100	1,612	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	74	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	50	58	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	457	68	99	1,135	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,006	37	97	511	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,222	41	97	1,744	3,049
Poultry and eggs	31,048	37	99	338	3,013
Cattle and calves	3,789	27	99	1,987	3,056
Milk from cows	4,671	14	52	741	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	45	91	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	49	47	98	1,933	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	58	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	116	10	95	1,021	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,083	16	98	1,386	3,057
Soybeans for beans	6,875	58	92	1,207	2,162
Corn for grain	4,462	49	100	1,453	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	3,496	57	91	1,129	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	3,496	57	91	1,051	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	377,086	46	93	420	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	19	83	(D)	2,637
Layers	(D)	35	100	(D)	3,040
Turkeys	(D)	21	80	(D)	2,416
Cattle and calves	12,627	25	100	1,754	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	131	Farming	295
\$1,000 to \$2,499	108	Other	294
\$2,500 to \$4,999	97	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	104	Male	496
\$10,000 to \$19,999	56	Female	93
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	Asian	8
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	Black or African American	18
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	22	White	836
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	48,693	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	82,670	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,084		
Average per farm (\$)	17,120		

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.