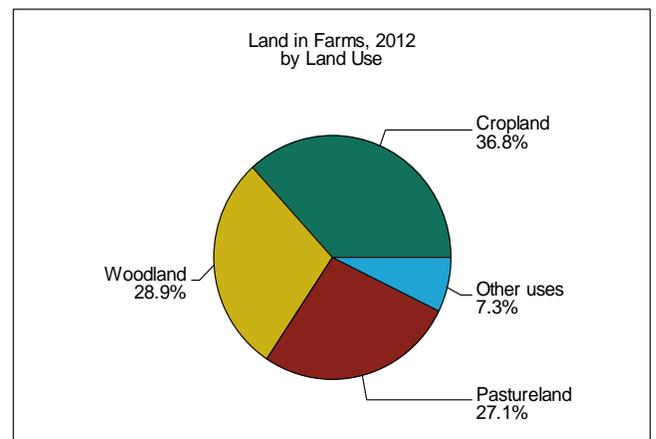
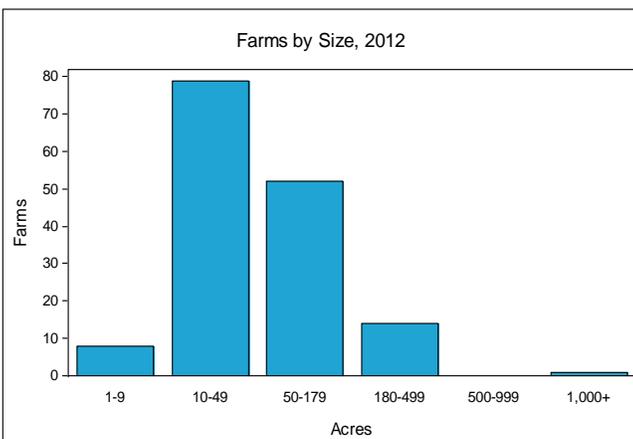


Clay County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	154	137	+ 12
Land in Farms	11,752 acres	9,660 acres	+ 22
Average Size of Farm	76 acres	71 acres	+ 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$3,178,000	\$1,114,000	+ 185
Crop Sales \$2,551,000 (80 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$627,000 (20 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$20,634	\$8,131	+ 154
Government Payments	\$209,000	\$71,000	+ 194
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,109	\$2,733	+ 87





Clay 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	3,178	96	100	2,928	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,551	95	100	2,644	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	627	90	100	2,935	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	81	100	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	12	71	74	385	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,057	45	99	820	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	23	95	97	2,389	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	197	86	97	2,772	3,049
Poultry and eggs	7	91	99	2,517	3,013
Cattle and calves	523	64	99	2,780	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	52	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	87	91	2,567	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	4	91	98	2,859	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	90	54	93	1,917	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	58	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	93	95	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,429	65	98	2,636	3,057
Corn for grain	730	76	100	1,992	2,638
Soybeans for beans	(D)	81	92	(D)	2,162
Vegetables harvested, all	159	60	99	1,069	2,801
Cucumbers and pickles	42	23	96	165	2,068
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,691	70	100	2,778	3,063
Layers	438	82	100	2,449	3,040
Goats, all	193	81	99	2,186	2,996
Horses and ponies	182	85	100	2,811	3,072
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	81	93	(D)	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	50	Farming	82
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23	Other	72
\$2,500 to \$4,999	25	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	Male	139
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12	Female	15
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	-	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	-	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	White	213
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	(D)	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	(D)	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	473		
Average per farm (\$)	3,070		

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.