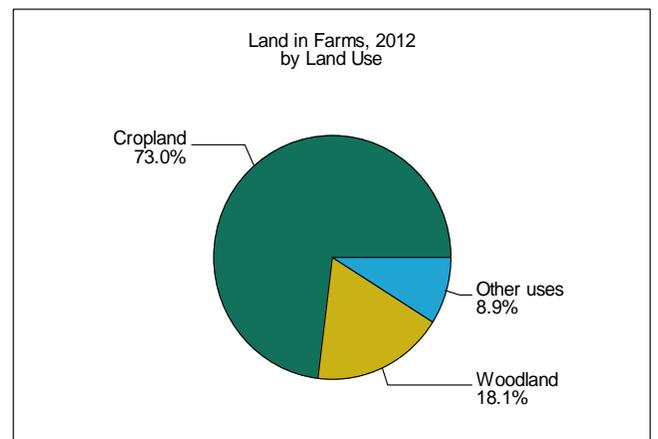
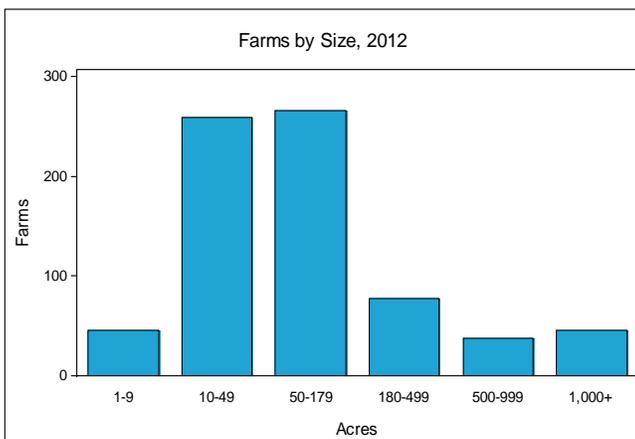


## Columbus County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	731	777	- 6
<b>Land in Farms</b>	159,227 acres	152,387 acres	+ 4
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	218 acres	196 acres	+ 11
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$196,518,000	\$141,403,000	+ 39
Crop Sales \$82,765,000 (42 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$113,753,000 (58 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$268,834	\$181,986	+ 48
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,374,000	\$2,902,000	+ 16
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,250	\$7,678	+ 7





## Columbus County – North Carolina

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	196,518	15	100	550	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	82,765	17	100	781	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	113,753	23	100	386	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	49,193	8	100	841	2,926
Tobacco	10,021	26	74	42	436
Cotton and cottonseed	4,920	27	58	268	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,913	14	99	256	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	16	98	586	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,072	49	97	756	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	35	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	7,934	10	97	370	3,049
Poultry and eggs	12,884	50	99	544	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,877	42	99	2,362	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	52	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	98,721	8	91	47	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	61	37	98	1,771	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	157	44	93	1,460	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	38	58	844	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	38	95	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	43,897	9	92	656	2,162
Corn for grain	34,430	5	100	748	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	19,253	10	91	476	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	19,253	10	91	379	2,480
Cotton, all	6,541	29	58	292	635
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	571,184	42	93	376	2,723
Hogs and pigs	317,515	9	94	42	2,889
Turkeys	(D)	20	80	238	2,416
Cattle and calves	8,815	35	100	2,024	3,063
Layers	2,188	51	100	1,224	3,040

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	194	Farming	352
\$1,000 to \$2,499	75	Other	379
\$2,500 to \$4,999	64	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	Male	659
\$10,000 to \$19,999	65	Female	72
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	American Indian or Alaska Native	30
\$50,000 to \$99,999	44	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	Black or African American	63
\$250,000 to \$499,999	32	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	84	White	878
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	162,379	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	222,133	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	13
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	41,392		
Average per farm (\$)	56,623		

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.