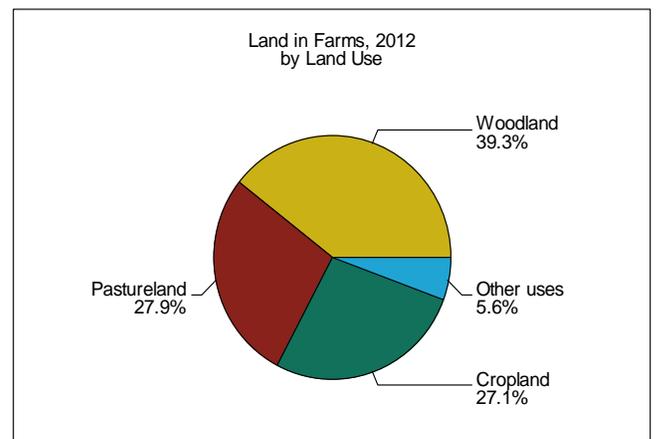
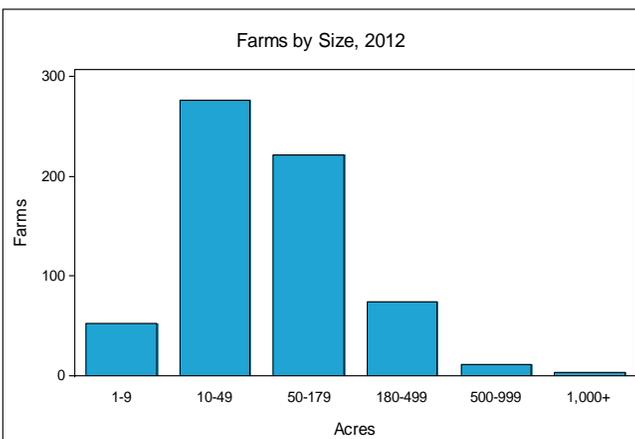


Rutherford County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	638	705	- 10
Land in Farms	59,540 acres	65,898 acres	- 10
Average Size of Farm	93 acres	93 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$22,809,000	\$6,590,000	+ 246
Crop Sales \$3,271,000 (14 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$19,537,000 (86 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$35,750	\$9,347	+ 282
Government Payments	\$313,000	\$258,000	+ 21
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,402	\$2,386	+ 43





Rutherford 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	22,809	80	100	2,300	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,271	94	100	2,565	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	19,537	52	100	1,633	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	751	85	100	2,298	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	73	74	428	436
Cotton and cottonseed	325	49	58	537	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	571	62	99	1,051	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	88	97	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	49	50	1,509	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,127	47	97	1,820	3,049
Poultry and eggs	16,880	47	99	494	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,988	40	99	2,333	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	26	65	91	1,691	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	26	98	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	279	33	93	966	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	56	58	1,312	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	17	53	95	1,992	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,606	27	98	1,664	3,057
Soybeans for beans	883	76	92	1,703	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	777	75	91	1,746	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	777	75	91	1,669	2,480
Cotton, all	420	49	58	554	635
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	981,009	36	93	311	2,723
Cattle and calves	7,567	41	100	2,139	3,063
Layers	2,017	53	100	1,281	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,084	24	100	1,100	3,072
Goats, all	987	27	99	564	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	208	Farming	309
\$1,000 to \$2,499	104	Other	329
\$2,500 to \$4,999	83	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	98	Male	510
\$10,000 to \$19,999	65	Female	128
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	Black or African American	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	15	White	974
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,412	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	35,128	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,259		
Average per farm (\$)	3,541		

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.