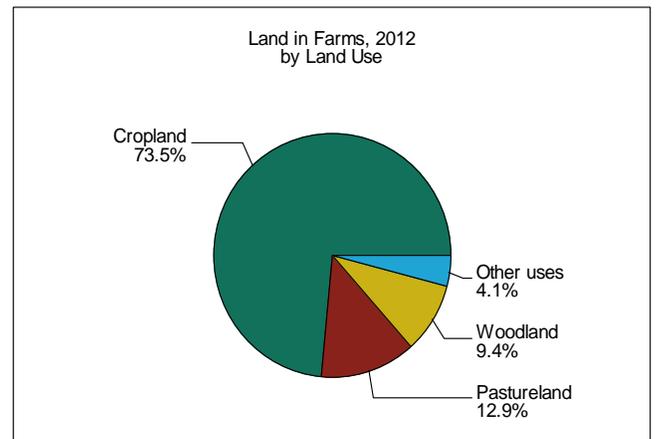
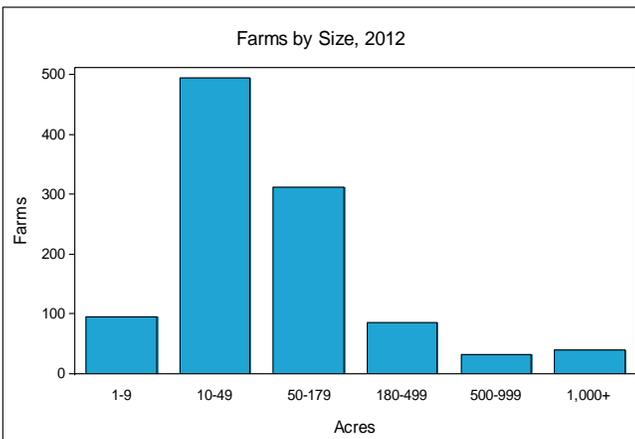


**Union County
 North Carolina**

| | 2012 | 2007 | % change |
|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Number of Farms | 1,059 | 1,107 | - 4 |
| Land in Farms | 201,655 acres | 178,193 acres | + 13 |
| Average Size of Farm | 190 acres | 161 acres | + 18 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$535,830,000 | \$410,496,000 | + 31 |
| Crop Sales \$128,368,000 (24 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$407,461,000 (76 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$505,977 | \$370,818 | + 36 |
| Government Payments | \$1,807,000 | \$1,755,000 | + 3 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$9,821 | \$8,087 | + 21 |





Union 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 | 535,830 | 4 | 100 | 91 | 3,077 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 128,368 | 8 | 100 | 490 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 407,461 | 4 | 100 | 61 | 3,076 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 100,606 | 2 | 100 | 473 | 2,926 |
| Tobacco | (D) | (D) | 74 | (D) | 436 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | 2,112 | 34 | 58 | 365 | 635 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | (D) | (D) | 99 | (D) | 2,802 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 53 | 78 | 98 | 1,740 | 2,724 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 19,899 | 6 | 97 | 153 | 2,678 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | - | - | 50 | - | 1,530 |
| Other crops and hay | (D) | (D) | 97 | (D) | 3,049 |
| Poultry and eggs | 395,612 | 3 | 99 | 11 | 3,013 |
| Cattle and calves | 7,834 | 13 | 99 | 1,500 | 3,056 |
| Milk from cows | 139 | 41 | 52 | 1,795 | 2,038 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | 43 | 91 | (D) | 2,827 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk | 137 | 17 | 98 | 1,102 | 2,988 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | (D) | (D) | 93 | (D) | 3,011 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 58 | - | 1,366 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 150 | 9 | 95 | 893 | 2,924 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Soybeans for beans | 73,101 | 2 | 92 | 426 | 2,162 |
| Wheat for grain, all | 52,990 | 1 | 91 | 253 | 2,537 |
| Winter wheat for grain | 52,990 | 1 | 91 | 181 | 2,480 |
| Corn for grain | 45,644 | 2 | 100 | 657 | 2,638 |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 12,966 | 18 | 98 | 1,394 | 3,057 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 12,666,699 | 1 | 93 | 18 | 2,723 |
| Turkeys | 1,695,002 | 3 | 80 | 11 | 2,416 |
| Layers | 1,207,069 | 2 | 100 | 74 | 3,040 |
| Pullets for laying flock replacement | 451,313 | 4 | 83 | 60 | 2,637 |
| Quail | (D) | 1 | 28 | 4 | 944 |

Other County Highlights, 2012

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales: | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 283 | Farming | 561 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 85 | Other | 498 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 126 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 103 | Male | 891 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 93 | Female | 168 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 18 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 58.9 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 39 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 13 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 1 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 25 | Asian | 21 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 28 | Black or African American | 10 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 26 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 220 | White | 1,500 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 406,177 | More than one race | 12 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 383,548 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 20 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 136,981 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 129,350 | | |

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.