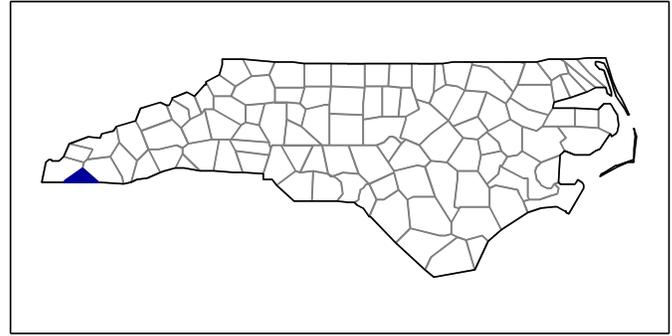




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Number of farms

168 farms in 2002, 200 farms in 1997, down 16 percent.

Land in farms

13,434 acres in 2002, 18,466 acres in 1997, down 27 percent.

Average size of farm

80 acres in 2002, 92 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,334,000 in 2002, \$4,563,000 in 1997, down 71 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$462,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$872,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

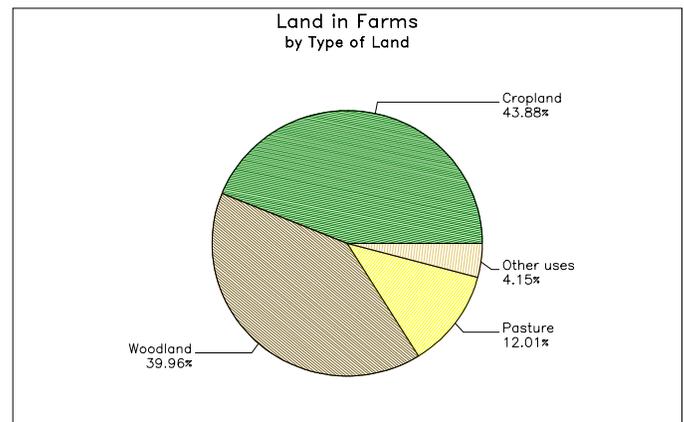
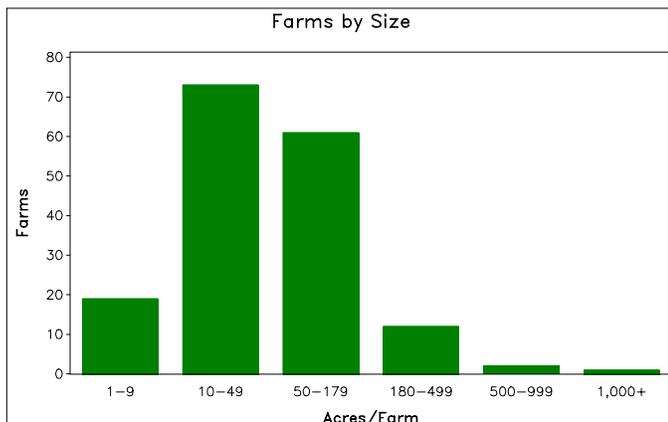
\$7,942 in 2002, \$22,817 in 1997, down 65 percent.

Government Payments

\$61,000 in 2002, \$41,000 in 1997, up 49 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,740 in 2002, \$1,067 in 1997, up 63 percent.



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Ranked items among the 100 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	1,334	98	100	2,988	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	462	100	100	2,900	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	872	89	99	2,889	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	46	92	100	2,087	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	68	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	46	89	100	2,911	3,046
Poultry and eggs	85	72	95	1,348	2,918
Cattle and calves	600	65	99	2,703	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	64	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	90	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	66	98	2,429	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	65	58	91	2,171	3,014
Aquaculture	112	22	51	557	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2	59	85	2,290	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	62	68	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	2,986	64	99	2,708	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	541	62	95	1,842	2,983
Horses and ponies	211	77	99	2,798	3,065
Rabbits	200	6	50	372	1,966
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,336	72	100	2,688	3,059
Corn for grain	309	78	100	2,108	2,592
Soybeans	(D)	82	85	(D)	2,076
Tobacco	74	73	86	362	563
Sorghum for silage	(D)	30	50	(D)	1,387

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	37	Farming	87
\$1,000 to \$2,499	35	Other	81
\$2,500 to \$4,999	33		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Male	150
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	18
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	222
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,320	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Average per farm (\$)	7,904	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	226	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	1,354	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.