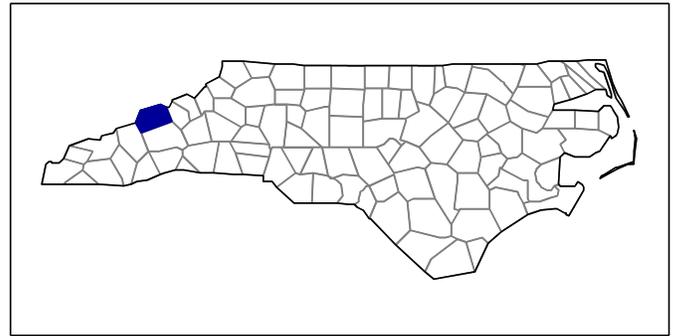




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Madison, North Carolina

### Number of farms

973 farms in 2002, 1,071 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Land in farms

84,053 acres in 2002, 84,050 acres in 1997, up slightly.

### Average size of farm

86 acres in 2002, 78 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$10,401,000 in 2002, \$10,744,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,511,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,890,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

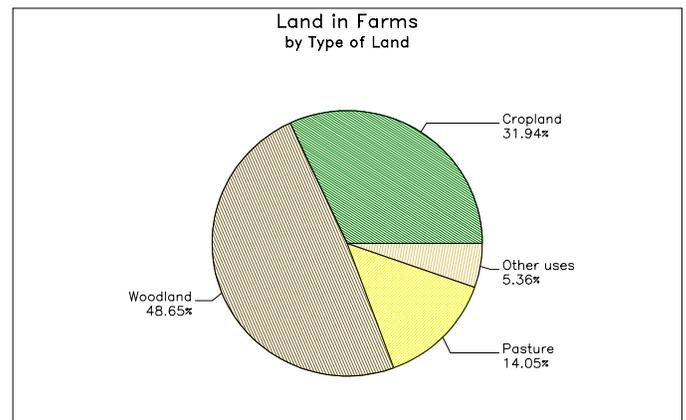
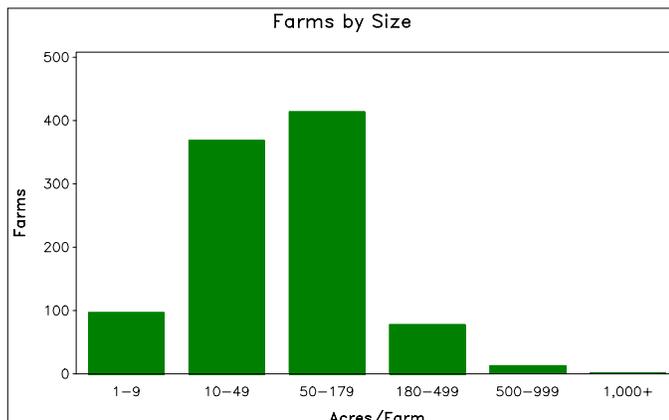
\$10,690 in 2002, \$10,031 in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Government Payments

\$237,000 in 2002, \$69,000 in 1997, up 243 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,008 in 2002, \$1,212 in 1997, up 66 percent.



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

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	10,401	87	100	2,487	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,511	70	100	1,768	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,890	82	99	2,731	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15	91	98	2,693	2,871
Tobacco	4,890	39	86	100	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,091	24	100	522	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	83	60	99	1,357	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	700	73	96	1,253	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	473	9	68	116	1,774
Other crops and hay	259	62	100	2,396	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3	87	95	2,385	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,426	45	99	2,385	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	293	48	64	1,866	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	86	90	2,739	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	119	5	98	705	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	37	69	91	2,504	3,014
Aquaculture	8	44	51	988	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2	58	85	2,287	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	9,669	33	99	2,079	3,059
All Goats	1,664	10	99	239	2,971
Sheep and lambs	1,196	1	89	853	2,867
Horses and ponies	657	40	99	1,831	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	544	61	95	1,836	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,872	39	100	2,073	3,059
Tobacco	1,882	33	86	64	563
All Vegetables harvested	315	44	98	778	2,710
Cut Christmas trees	253	11	69	333	1,877
Short-rotation woody crops	243	5	75	244	1,262

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	235	Farming	530
\$1,000 to \$2,499	191	Other	443
\$2,500 to \$4,999	184	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	166	Male	885
\$10,000 to \$19,999	101	Female	88
\$20,000 to \$24,999	25	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	White	1,348
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	10,727	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	10,935	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	26
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,245		
Average per farm (\$)	-1,269		

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

<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.