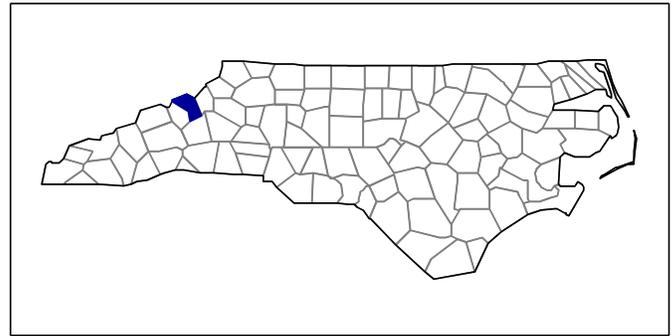




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Mitchell, North Carolina

### Number of farms

358 farms in 2002, 375 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Land in farms

26,044 acres in 2002, 26,879 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

73 acres in 2002, 72 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$3,873,000 in 2002, \$4,059,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,383,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$491,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

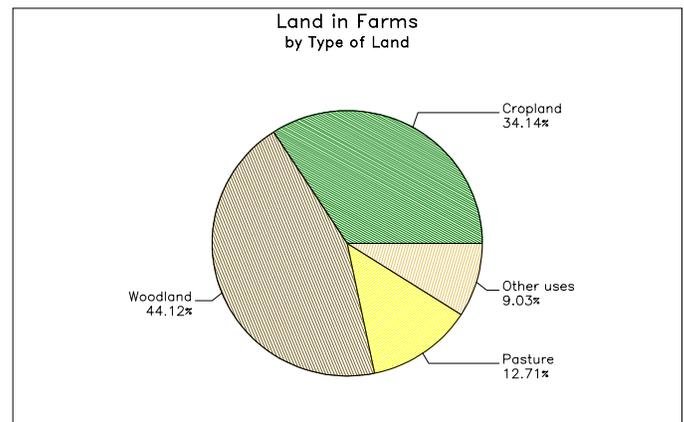
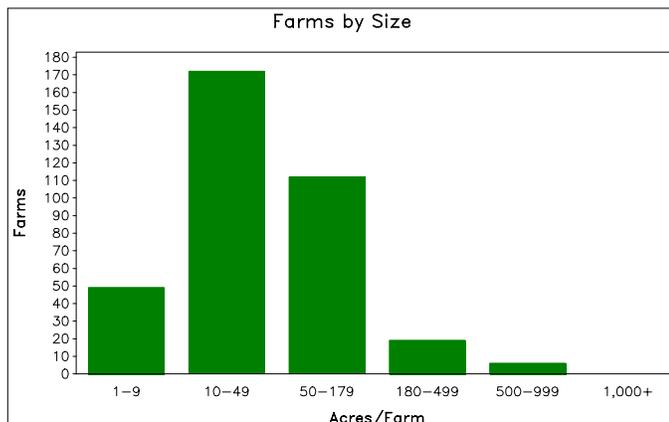
\$10,818 in 2002, \$10,823 in 1997, down slightly.

### Government Payments

\$20,000 in 2002, (D) in 1997.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$904 in 2002, (D) in 1997.



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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	3,873	95	100	2,829	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,383	87	100	2,283	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	491	93	99	2,951	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3	95	98	2,822	2,871
Tobacco	1,037	62	86	257	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	30	98	100	2,217	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	64	69	99	1,466	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	466	81	96	1,461	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,711	6	68	34	1,774
Other crops and hay	71	86	100	2,851	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	93	95	2,703	2,918
Cattle and calves	364	72	99	2,810	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	53	61	64	2,242	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	90	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	9	64	98	2,365	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	35	70	91	2,530	3,014
Aquaculture	28	33	51	788	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	66	85	2,432	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,206	72	99	2,792	3,059
Horses and ponies	340	62	99	2,511	3,065
All Goats	264	70	99	1,598	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	147	85	95	2,595	2,983
Sheep and lambs	139	40	89	2,121	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,017	65	100	2,588	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	1,238	6	69	68	1,877
Tobacco	410	57	86	231	563
Short-rotation woody crops	220	7	75	261	1,262
Nursery stock	(D)	41	90	(D)	2,129

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	92	Farming	178
\$1,000 to \$2,499	97	Other	180
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30	Male	330
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	28
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	501
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,288	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	9,185	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,618	Asian	2
Average per farm (\$)	4,520	More than one race	-
		All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.