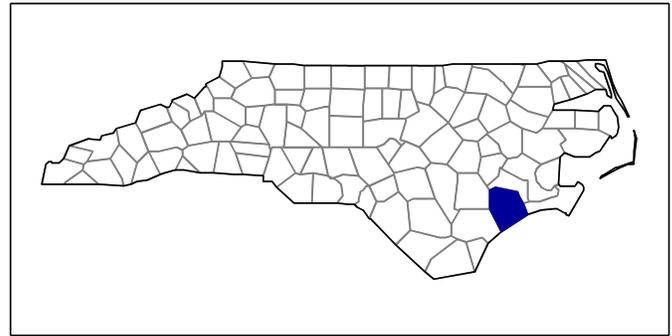




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Number of farms

404 farms in 2002, 438 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

63,804 acres in 2002, 64,616 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

158 acres in 2002, 148 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$90,056,000 in 2002, \$101,312,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$17,470,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$72,586,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

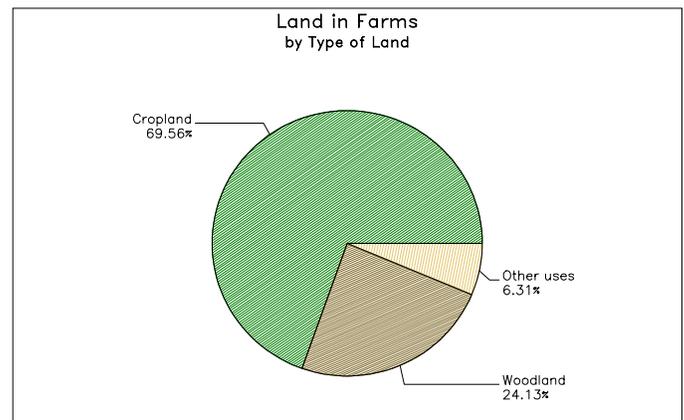
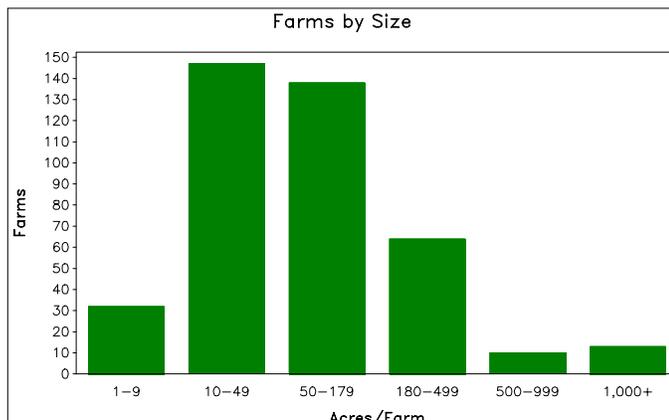
\$222,911 in 2002, \$231,306 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$586,000 in 2002, \$367,000 in 1997, up 60 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,816 in 2002, \$2,564 in 1997, up 166 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	90,056	23	100	612	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,470	43	100	1,275	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	72,586	19	99	337	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,393	24	98	1,283	2,871
Tobacco	7,890	32	86	62	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,804	28	55	296	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	795	42	100	837	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	315	26	99	703	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,917	47	96	819	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	25,336	26	95	261	2,918
Cattle and calves	546	68	99	2,729	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	64	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	46,647	12	90	48	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	6	69	98	2,511	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	47	64	91	2,389	3,014
Aquaculture	5	46	51	1,080	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	76	85	2,548	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	748,659	5	71	35	2,328
Hogs and pigs	190,960	12	91	64	2,926
Quail	3,900	13	44	176	1,412
Cattle and calves	2,512	69	99	2,762	3,059
Broilers and other meat-type chickens ³	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	12,422	35	85	981	2,076
Corn for grain	11,540	20	100	995	2,592
All Cotton	8,633	31	55	272	663
All Wheat for grain	2,935	40	83	1,135	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,703	67	100	2,637	3,059

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	113	Farming	240
\$1,000 to \$2,499	38	Other	164
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Male	348
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	56
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	13	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	28	White	539
\$500,000 or more	59	Black or African American	21
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	74,655	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	183,880	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	20,800	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	51,231	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.