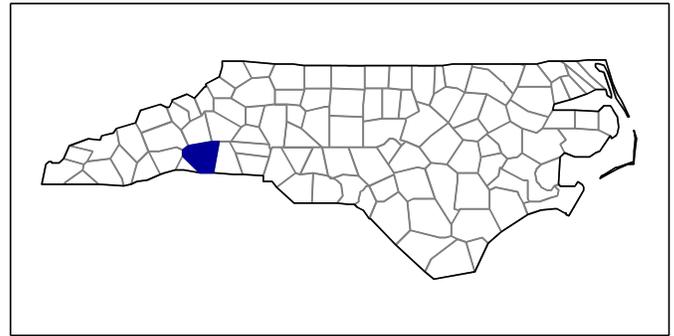




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Number of farms

653 farms in 2002, 616 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

Land in farms

67,856 acres in 2002, 66,098 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm

104 acres in 2002, 107 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$9,205,000 in 2002, \$6,132,000 in 1997, up 50 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,836,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,369,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

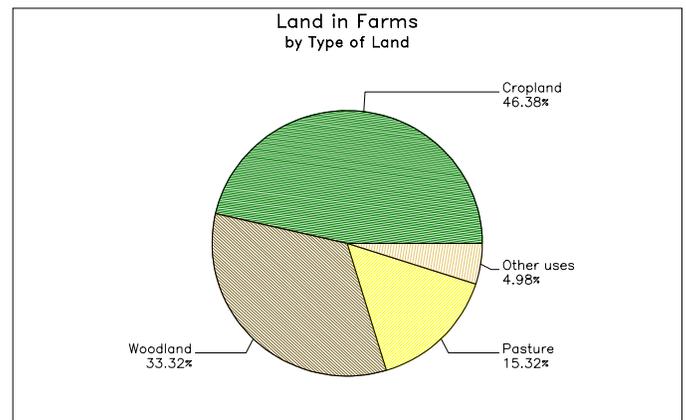
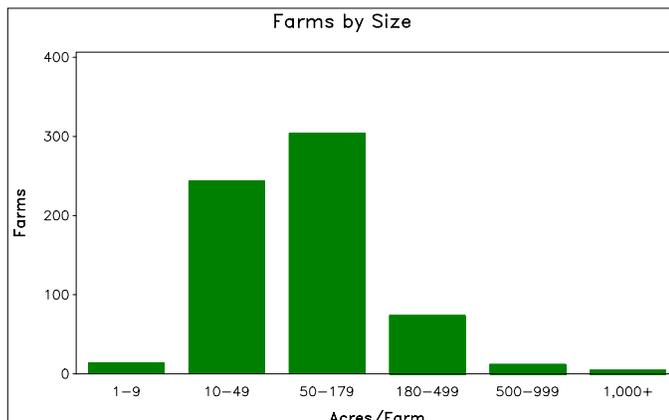
\$14,096 in 2002, \$9,954 in 1997, up 42 percent.

Government Payments

\$183,000 in 2002, \$158,000 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,498 in 2002, \$1,595 in 1997, down 6 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	9,205	89	100	2,543	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,836	95	100	2,532	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,369	67	99	2,101	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	139	82	98	2,305	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	461	54	100	1,028	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	47	76	99	1,619	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	387	84	96	1,534	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	19	31	68	989	1,774
Other crops and hay	747	23	100	1,534	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4,250	54	95	651	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,288	32	99	2,075	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	500	40	64	1,661	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	90	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	59	15	98	1,141	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	262	21	91	847	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	10	33	85	1,827	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	471,000	45	68	388	2,599
Cattle and calves	10,832	28	99	1,986	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,188	2	89	859	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,040	23	99	1,227	3,065
All Goats	978	27	99	488	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,101	21	100	1,496	3,059
Soybeans	412	78	85	1,694	2,076
All Wheat for grain	354	74	83	1,894	2,517
Corn for grain	283	80	100	2,132	2,592
All Cotton ³	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	663

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	208	Farming	346
\$1,000 to \$2,499	152	Other	307
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	101	Male	600
\$10,000 to \$19,999	60	Female	53
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	23	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	White	866
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12	Black or African American	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	2	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,983	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	24,439	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-5,016		
Average per farm (\$)	-7,669		

(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.