

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service

CHATHAM NORTH CAROLINA

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	120,705	16	100	372	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	116,096	11	100	142	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,610	85	100	2,166	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	101,753	7	97	43	2,901
Cattle and calves	6,439	3	99	1,260	3,063
Dairy products	4,942	13	67	643	2,563
Tobacco	2,416	54	86	230	580
Hogs and pigs	2,194	47	95	789	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	32,300,662	5	68	62	1,882
Turkeys sold	1,121,226	13	46	77	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	654,696	11	72	134	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	17,920	51	95	846	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	17,721	3	99	1,108	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	7,162,478	4	81	37	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	282,663	14	98	243	3,002
All turkeys inventory	191,528	18	74	116	2,361
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	156,156	7	72	97	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	84,215	12	51	157	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	15,443	7	99	1,285	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,658	70	88	1,461	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	1,529	18	88	825	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,190	70	100	1,807	2,691
Tobacco-acres	1,146	50	86	186	583

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	556	500	11
\$10,000 or more	400	426	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	90,511	72,498	25
Average per farmdollars..	94,479	78,207	21
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	18,198	15,423	18
Average per farmdollars..	18,996	16,637	14
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	870	837	4
Partnership or corporation	85	88	-3
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	421	466	-10
Other	535	460	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	850	819	4
Female	106	107	-1
Operators by race:			
White	936	908	3
Black and other races	20	18	11
Average age of operator	54.9	54.8	0

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.