

Table 3. Farm Production Expenses: 1997 and 1992

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Item	North Carolina	Alamance	Alexander	Alleghany	Anson	Ashe	Avery
Total farm production expenses							
farms, 1997..	49 383	730	565	546	438	1 043	431
1992..	51 858	725	507	490	343	1 032	273
\$1,000, 1997..	5 673 379	23 534	34 225	16 077	75 734	13 651	8 051
1992..	3 817 833	24 286	30 335	13 828	51 967	7 783	4 192
Average per farm	dollars, 1997..	114 885	32 238	60 575	29 445	172 909	13 088
1992..	73 621	33 498	59 832	28 221	151 506	7 542	15 354
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms, 1997..	11 609	161	164	129	164	206
1992..	12 925	205	224	179	116	290	13
\$1,000, 1997..	916 191	1 913	4 074	1 843	14 563	822	46
1992..	431 873	2 280	3 850	1 756	5 291	1 812	5
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms, 1997..	22 116	378	401	282	235	409
1992..	23 132	385	343	330	204	520	70
\$1,000, 1997..	2 262 032	7 676	20 105	3 376	47 880	715	64
1992..	1 288 719	7 119	15 209	4 378	27 866	1 016	78
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms, 1997..	14 292	236	263	121	154	195
1992..	10 715	169	199	127	150	128	26
\$1,000, 1997..	2 136 745	6 260	19 049	1 903	47 313	307	25
1992..	941 007	6 186	14 340	2 645	27 349	211	9
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms, 1997..	23 456	322	100	138	110	325
1992..	29 662	378	140	181	126	488	115
\$1,000, 1997..	130 860	715	229	280	444	577	375
Commercial fertilizer	farms, 1997..	36 387	539	394	440	200	828
1992..	40 585	569	332	430	152	841	254
\$1,000, 1997..	243 960	1 885	1 018	994	1 157	975	714
1992..	233 479	2 006	870	983	984	578	296
Agricultural chemicals	farms, 1997..	25 671	316	207	219	153	550
1992..	30 449	347	170	235	129	511	184
\$1,000, 1997..	188 784	540	318	487	501	349	485
Petroleum products	farms, 1997..	151 341	646	456	233	583	118
1992..	46 229	679	537	499	343	973	411
\$1,000, 1997..	49 736	691	491	469	303	988	262
1992..	198 201	1 355	924	644	881	869	461
184 299	1 455	1 051	744	721	596	252	
Gasoline and gasohol	farms, 1997..	33 780	542	409	409	262	816
1992..	37 917	557	364	396	275	757	186
\$1,000, 1997..	48 543	454	299	331	275	405	285
Diesel fuel	farms, 1997..	50 303	469	351	382	309	369
1992..	36 763	557	386	426	260	752	292
\$1,000, 1997..	58 965	441	256	221	336	326	106
1992..	57 685	510	254	283	188	156	75
Natural gas	farms, 1997..	1 820	21	22	12	36	11
1992..	2 530	14	24	5	4	16	1
\$1,000, 1997..	11 170	45	71	14	23	1	8
1992..	9 108	35	94	3	8	5	(D)
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms, 1997..	30 744	495	334	293	219	504
1992..	34 049	466	340	280	220	519	138
\$1,000, 1997..	79 523	415	298	78	247	138	62
1992..	67 203	441	352	76	217	66	(D)
Electricity	farms, 1997..	29 259	448	412	214	243	366
1992..	32 089	497	324	189	171	281	118
\$1,000, 1997..	87 664	574	600	207	908	184	134
Hired farm labor	farms, 1997..	66 747	550	715	272	710	60
1992..	18 984	254	104	198	107	404	160
\$1,000, 1997..	21 919	226	151	241	101	326	88
1992..	487 395	1 995	1 344	2 383	1 951	2 971	2 486
388 338	2 332	1 420	1 420	1 420	4 264	444	1 049
Contract labor	farms, 1997..	6 485	50	71	53	38	148
1992..	6 362	74	63	38	40	138	48
\$1,000, 1997..	67 291	164	470	555	89	547	457
Repair and maintenance	farms, 1997..	41 893	164	237	57	130	111
1992..	39 441	621	399	467	281	774	305
\$1,000, 1997..	42 818	634	451	396	274	747	183
1992..	207 332	1 641	1 047	1 185	1 852	1 016	726
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....	farms, 1997..	171 928	1 630	1 018	899	1 308	604
1992..	13 093	140	87	110	89	191	55
\$1,000, 1997..	16 441	213	132	108	82	187	47
1992..	55 032	147	158	302	199	185	80
\$1,000, 1997..	42 312	301	119	136	150	68	35
Interest	farms, 1997..	16 538	188	138	187	140	184
1992..	19 038	236	211	184	151	262	35
\$1,000, 1997..	205 129	1 582	1 208	1 104	1 917	914	667
1992..	143 502	1 375	1 254	878	1 530	576	130
Interest paid on debt:							
Secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	11 820	152	94	108	119	133
1992..	13 588	167	171	93	105	186	19
\$1,000, 1997..	140 144	1 189	832	843	1 685	689	491
1992..	102 028	1 106	995	586	1 320	457	74
Not secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	8 229	86	66	119	50	76
1992..	9 391	116	70	135	96	105	21
\$1,000, 1997..	64 985	393	376	260	232	225	176
1992..	41 474	269	259	292	209	119	56
Cash rent	farms, 1997..	13 746	193	148	135	113	163
1992..	16 600	221	155	134	120	121	69
\$1,000, 1997..	180 559	617	387	501	564	427	225
1992..	163 376	782	617	351	570	111	114
Property taxes paid	farms, 1997..	46 926	718	564	531	432	986
1992..	49 192	699	491	488	320	1 002	408
\$1,000, 1997..	72 025	739	473	634	701	1 041	295
1992..	59 169	610	325	453	525	876	167
All other farm production expenses	farms, 1997..	42 095	610	486	490	321	844
1992..	45 144	647	435	412	276	846	210
\$1,000, 1997..	370 924	1 990	1 869	1 583	2 128	2 057	834
1992..	364 899	2 552	3 067	1 125	7 087	702	683

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Item	Beaufort	Bertie	Bladen	Brunswick	Buncombe	Burke	Cabarrus
Total farm production expenses							
farms, 1997..	386	370	553	215	1 011	355	481
1992..	446	456	607	225	1 096	348	431
\$1,000, 1997..	57 172	72 137	185 545	22 532	30 898	18 678	17 011
1992..	43 204	56 320	46 746	8 954	17 126	16 855	10 672
Average per farm	dollars, 1997..	148 114	194 964	335 524	104 802	30 562	52 614
1992..	96 870	123 510	77 012	39 797	15 626	48 434	24 761
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms, 1997..	38	101	125	50	243	61
1992..	71	103	100	43	303	85	105
\$1,000, 1997..	3 000	4 935	55 214	5 041	718	3 336	1 674
1992..	948	4 644	4 431	600	1 164	3 713	964
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms, 1997..	71	156	204	60	473	163
1992..	95	172	196	67	544	188	239
\$1,000, 1997..	10 372	26 877	74 101	6 431	2 460	6 401	8 513
1992..	6 089	17 102	16 031	1 574	3 231	5 214	3 837
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms, 1997..	27	126	140	25	270	121
1992..	63	107	114	28	210	72	57
\$1,000, 1997..	7 470	26 668	70 743	5 926	1 875	5 787	8 111
1992..	1 980	15 092	7 523	155	2 144	4 939	3 284
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms, 1997..	334	308	422	135	368	109
1992..	401	379	455	180	554	119	184
\$1,000, 1997..	3 785	2 166	1 785	624	(D)	394	499
1992..	2 319	2 110	1 034	318	580	482	249
Commercial fertilizer	farms, 1997..	328	275	426	166	780	293
1992..	396	379	496	167	887	262	325
\$1,000, 1997..	6 870	4 114	3 030	1 608	1 044	338	1 121
1992..	5 846	4 052	2 976	922	1 154	402	863
Agricultural chemicals	farms, 1997..	314	308	363	151	375	110
1992..	395	401	424	141	411	179	128
\$1,000, 1997..	4 827	6 048	2 359	595	411	161	203
Petroleum products	farms, 1997..	3 879	4 340	2 179	718	372	251
1992..	369	336	549	187	948	323	461
\$1,000, 1997..	3 165	2 564	5 198	225	1 037	342	411
1992..	3 207	3 003	2 228	634	1 109	615	434
Gasoline and gasohol	farms, 1997..	342	267	408	123	661	208
1992..	319	362	299	167	694	242	269
\$1,000, 1997..	830	701	1 343	207	(D)	247	(D)
Diesel fuel	farms, 1997..	821	735	544	171	324	215
1992..	336	264	464	133	689	248	380
\$1,000, 1997..	1 031	824	1 596	317	746	179	232
1992..	1 250	892	804	265	333	164	172
Natural gas	farms, 1997..	8	6	22	16	4	5
1992..	24	7	25	15	35	3	4
\$1,000, 1997..	111	26	219	78	(D)	43	(D)
1992..	133	54	58	22	(D)	37	42
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms, 1997..	323	280	392	146	537	230
1992..	355	389	419	131	470	199	206
\$1,000, 1997..	1 193	1 013	2 040	446	370	260	76
1992..	1 003	1 322	821	176	(D)	198	60
Electricity	farms, 1997..	293	286	399	137	450	170
1992..	309	334	367	170	474	171	257
\$1,000, 1997..	983	1 052	2 816	396	414	280	221
Hired farm labor	farms, 1997..	941	1 109	593	217	405	311
1992..	160	214	239	70	252	106	182
\$1,000, 1997..	249	251	263	124	336	98	109
1992..	6 428	6 616	11 883	1 679	5 621	2 024	1 182
Contract labor	farms, 1997..	75	61	133	45	145	21
1992..	79	40	95	39	148	74	38
\$1,000, 1997..	553	1 220	2 697	320	333	226	15
Repair and maintenance	farms, 1997..	301	177	925	153	225	378
1992..	349	302	463	161	704	259	382
\$1,000, 1997..	384	399	474	175	804	299	352
1992..	3 729	3 520	5 589	887	1 708	674	677
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....	farms, 1997..	3 158	3 103	1 963	564	1 362	646
1992..	184	143	175	41	142	108	55
\$1,000, 1997..	175	206	196	56	168	98	61
1992..	1 103	1 052	1 107	310	(D)	98	94
\$1,000, 1997..	583	1 043	441	108	107	92	36
Interest	farms, 1997..	215	150	268	98	166	62
1992..	275	244	213	100	187	59	122
\$1,000, 1997..	2 954	3 190	5 960	1 233	1 421	528	423
1992..	2 579	2 037	2 049	609	896	573	520
Interest paid on debt:							
Secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	133	98	211	69	119	40
1992..	185	162	153	63	146	46	119
\$1,000, 1997..	2 161	1 467	4 473	617	1 207	457	343
1992..	1 755	1 284	1 333	461	616	328	501
Not secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	127	103	132	46	83	29
1992..	144	158	111	43	80	29	26
\$1,000, 1997..	793	1 723	1 487	616	214	70	80
1992..	824	753	716	147	279	245	19
Cash rent	farms, 1997..	204	220	195	64	163	51
1992..	256	240	205	98	182	56	94
\$1,000, 1997..	4 343	3 681	2 711	690	317	181	277
1992..	3 692	3 429	2 488	511	338	185	195
Property taxes paid	farms, 1997..	365	342	508	194	899	349
1992..	417	412	584	211	1 055	331	431
\$1,000, 1997..	783	899	1 334	286	1 124	296	538
1992..	536	839	824	179	1 374	302	463
All other farm production expenses	farms, 1997..	326	337	455	187	781	289
1992..	404	412	530	213	826	284	356
\$1,000, 1997..	4 276	4 201	9 762	1 384	4 312	3 011	1 096
1992..	3 668	4 610	3 597	722	2 212	1 826	835

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Item	Caldwell	Camden	Carteret	Caswell	Catawba	Chatham	Cherokee
Total farm production expenses							
farms, 1997..	330	76	101	564	596	958	242
1992..	327	88	112	602	507	927	222
\$1,000, 1997..	12 639	14 455	15 219	19 544	16 179	90 511	10 135
1992..	9 716	15 028	11 302	13 106	12 034	72 498	10 871
Average per farm	dollars, 1997..	38 301	190 199	150 682	34 653	27 145	41 882
1992..	29 712	170 771	100 910	21 771	23 735	78 207	48 969
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms, 1997..	62	9	4	91	114	51
1992..	66	18	11	111	151	433	28
\$1,000, 1997..	661	(D)	(D)	1 240	2 803	20 863	617
1992..	1 226	1 210	82	176	1 446	18 485	670
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms, 1997..	197	19	19	199	313	702
1992..	171	27	31	209	296	672	92
\$1,000, 1997..	2 987	(D)	111	1 199	3 652	48 418	(D)
1992..	2 836	1 573	229	842	2 122	31 636	5 354
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms, 1997..	126	9	10	116	205	513
1992..	59	12	10	55	118	420	24
\$1,000, 1997..	2 389	(D)	85	489	3 227	46 879	(D)
1992..	1 795	582	22	308	1 658	29 859	(D)
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms, 1997..	86	60	55	341	134	243
1992..	99	79	83	440	142	262	67
\$1,000, 1997..	788	1 321	1 378	506	357	342	85
1992..	124	1 417	805	253	305	179	111
Commercial fertilizer	farms, 1997..	238	58	78	482	441	486
1992..	238	75	90	527	395	418	170
\$1,000, 1997..	495	2 033	2 400	1 672	1 449	1 116	253
1992..	282	2 040	1 970	1 263	1 163	992	460
Agricultural chemicals	farms, 1997..	131	57	68	331	146	325
1992..	144	72	80	397	154	314	66
\$1,000, 1997..	245	2 134	1 970	658	435	369	124
Petroleum products	farms, 1997..	165	1 375	1 693	477	294	321
1992..	299	74	97	537	552	901	113
\$1,000, 1997..	308	83	109	591	465	880	227
1992..	485	660	649	2 249	707	1 663	286
Gasoline and gasohol	farms, 1997..	412	611	668	1 739	696	1 531
1992..	223	78	92	461	384	650	320
\$1,000, 1997..	225	(D)	189	574	309	636	105
Diesel fuel	farms, 1997..	159	189	173	638	229	620
1992..	225	60	71	440	420	653	144
\$1,000, 1997..	216	67	59	461	367	578	204
1992..	197	322	226	509	264	440	178
Natural gas	farms, 1997..	172	329	285	305	315	468
1992..	215	66	73	461	384	650	192
\$1,000, 1997..	225	(D)	189	574	309	636	144
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms, 1997..	159	66	79	436	285	523
1992..	49	163	233	1 079	113	734	86
\$1,000, 1997..	70	91	201	734	136	393	115
Electricity	farms, 1997..	210	58	68	419	341	525
1992..	171	43	71	469	323	539	86
\$1,000, 1997..	133	57	72	409	269	544	123
Hired farm labor	farms, 1997..	165	162	126	536	274	1 029
1992..	144	128	196	423	281	1 226	177
\$1,000, 1997..	96	35	57	321	122	246	216
1992..	67	44	43	325	79	271	43
Contract labor	farms, 1997..	2 928	1 887	1 832	3 298	1 807	2 853
1992..	1 712	1 144	2 318	1 926	1 870	4 069	(D)
Repair and maintenance	farms, 1997..	32	12	12	60	36	138
1992..	51	10	14	100	37	169	20
\$1,000, 1997..	331	254	84	311	24	563	41
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....	farms, 1997..	287	(D)	140	232	72	75
1992..	214	61	76	510	447	765	146
\$1,000, 1997..	251	82	102	487	365	781	187
1992..	599	1 251	1 307	1 503	1 059	2 345	264
Interest paid on debt:							
Secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	1 055	872	1 304	836	2 344	368
1992..	99	34	34	144	43	182	18
\$1,000, 1997..	68	39	38	216	74	227	29
1992..	378	243	90	155	80	1 635	8
\$1,000, 1997..	50	230	759	235	82	239	12
Interest	farms, 1997..	46	36	27	238	133	311
1992..	79	38	53	188	101	371	28
\$1,000, 1997..	388	794	(D)	1 396	837	1 991	69
1992..	326	742	287	974	470	1 897	199
Interest paid on debt:							
Secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	29	24	7	185	116	230
1992..	63	21	30	156	81	233	21
\$1,000, 1997..	220	395	(D)	973	734	1 786	61
1992..	166	445	222	760	373	1 498	186
Not secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	30	23	21	124	21	124
1992..	27	26	32	70	34	204	21
\$1,000, 1997..	167	398	(D)	423	102	205	22
1992..	160	297	65	214	97	399	12
Cash rent	farms, 1997..	80	39	35	194	101	177
1992..	113	45	34	193	127	255	42
\$1,000, 1997..	147	1 369	327	1 160	243	460	72
Property taxes paid	farms, 1997..	262	1 350	307	1 025	269	548
1992..	315	69	90	548	574	893	70
\$1,000, 1997..	316	85	109	568	486	884	237
All other farm production expenses	farms, 1997..	377	196	544	723	665	1 255
1992..	231	(D)	444	641	463	885	160
\$1,000, 1997..	252	69	91	516	487	832	154
1992..	262	84	94	535	434	790	198
\$1,000, 1997..	1 665	1 537	1 196	2 938	1 787	5 609	1 083
1992..	1 152	1 528	533	1 596	1 665	7 775	1 169

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Item	Chowan	Clay	Cleveland	Columbus	Craven	Cumberland	Currituck	Dare
Total farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	151	166	864	883	278	431	86	9
1992..	179	161	716	1 110	326	436	90	7
\$1,000, 1997..	23 034	4 174	28 054	95 693	50 748	52 016	12 026	579
1992..	19 565	3 481	20 561	45 890	34 954	27 375	11 928	598
Average per farm	152 542	25 143	32 470	108 373	182 546	120 688	139 837	64 352
dollars, 1997..								
1992..	109 300	21 618	28 717	41 342	107 222	62 786	132 535	85 370
Livestock and poultry purchased								
farms, 1997..	21	41	183	99	42	111	10	—
1992..	51	30	223	117	47	44	17	—
\$1,000, 1997..	1 281	509	2 237	18 505	11 307	12 869	(D)	—
1992..	949	(D)	2 200	1 099	3 597	1 177	(D)	—
Feed for livestock and poultry								
farms, 1997..	39	88	435	217	93	185	20	1
1992..	58	80	373	237	87	148	28	1
\$1,000, 1997..	4 019	1 581	13 548	26 555	9 044	17 774	467	(D)
1992..	3 234	488	7 936	2 714	8 150	8 601	421	(D)
Commercially mixed formula feeds								
farms, 1997..	29	30	224	121	67	137	14	1
1992..	37	27	132	87	46	70	19	—
\$1,000, 1997..	2 741	1 491	12 536	25 135	8 870	17 370	454	(D)
1992..	2 065	349	6 943	1 399	5 849	6 786	365	—
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees								
farms, 1997..	123	36	248	654	195	220	66	5
1992..	147	64	154	844	257	299	75	6
\$1,000, 1997..	1 736	15	881	2 471	1 433	922	1 087	87
1992..	1 191	27	473	1 655	813	806	1 035	73
Commercial fertilizer								
farms, 1997..	124	121	577	766	209	296	69	6
1992..	165	133	509	979	259	342	77	3
\$1,000, 1997..	2 228	183	1 343	5 817	3 685	2 078	1 892	99
1992..	2 286	190	1 377	6 780	3 267	2 510	1 560	(D)
Agricultural chemicals								
farms, 1997..	119	53	221	732	185	196	68	6
1992..	148	64	250	872	228	323	78	6
\$1,000, 1997..	2 292	85	560	3 767	3 017	1 472	1 374	81
Petroleum products								
farms, 1997..	2 148	34	734	3 470	2 007	1 576	991	87
1992..	146	147	764	842	258	408	82	8
\$1,000, 1997..	1 237	172	1 146	5 367	2 405	1 946	556	35
1992..	1 164	153	860	4 789	2 307	1 861	783	43
Gasoline and gasohol								
farms, 1997..	114	97	436	614	197	318	56	4
1992..	124	87	562	815	251	299	73	2
\$1,000, 1997..	(D)	(D)	(D)	1 531	672	476	(D)	6
Diesel fuel								
farms, 1997..	322	53	280	1 348	624	651	166	(D)
1992..	127	134	604	688	203	294	63	4
\$1,000, 1997..	454	53	409	1 406	595	541	244	19
1992..	485	72	287	1 364	633	626	338	38
Natural gas								
farms, 1997..	2	1	26	75	9	9	1	—
1992..	27	—	4	28	14	26	—	—
\$1,000, 1997..	(D)	(D)	(D)	348	63	66	(D)	—
1992..	41	—	15	176	125	53	—	—
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.								
farms, 1997..	117	74	374	608	222	242	49	7
1992..	154	84	413	840	257	288	76	6
\$1,000, 1997..	459	33	252	2 082	1 075	862	190	9
1992..	316	28	277	1 902	926	531	279	(D)
Electricity								
farms, 1997..	110	83	381	653	193	247	55	5
1992..	109	81	359	775	232	263	56	3
\$1,000, 1997..	280	96	387	1 982	835	860	135	11
Hired farm labor								
farms, 1997..	194	53	309	1 267	704	584	148	3
1992..	86	49	195	433	167	217	44	5
\$1,000, 1997..	105	62	190	620	159	201	42	4
1992..	2 342	644	2 003	8 789	5 648	3 906	2 268	(D)
Contract labor								
farms, 1997..	52	11	49	208	45	73	16	2
1992..	22	18	25	244	41	54	13	1
\$1,000, 1997..	926	10	174	1 514	454	1 195	(D)	(D)
Repair and maintenance								
farms, 1997..	416	(D)	263	1 376	284	317	(D)	(D)
1992..	128	113	651	735	249	358	67	6
\$1,000, 1997..	1 367	182	1 273	4 302	2 208	1 810	984	23
1992..	1 183	178	995	3 291	1 808	1 454	930	25
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....								
farms, 1997..	76	19	122	407	109	117	30	3
1992..	123	30	123	522	137	126	28	5
\$1,000, 1997..	523	11	216	1 337	814	386	170	(D)
1992..	443	16	189	1 252	518	302	97	99
Interest								
farms, 1997..	87	37	197	443	112	162	38	4
1992..	100	54	216	563	146	162	39	3
\$1,000, 1997..	919	174	1 218	4 233	2 136	2 140	351	42
1992..	1 111	228	683	2 910	1 323	1 224	519	34
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate								
farms, 1997..	53	28	122	323	70	138	22	3
1992..	85	34	133	462	96	124	20	2
\$1,000, 1997..	455	142	1 043	2 929	1 253	1 506	145	21
1992..	810	124	476	2 168	892	974	163	(D)
Not secured by real estate								
farms, 1997..	54	22	101	198	61	63	24	4
1992..	76	35	91	212	67	67	25	3
\$1,000, 1997..	464	32	175	1 304	883	634	206	22
1992..	301	104	207	742	431	250	356	(D)
Cash rent								
farms, 1997..	72	39	182	402	103	96	31	3
1992..	48	32	181	470	155	136	47	6
\$1,000, 1997..	1 266	49	483	4 387	3 235	1 287	1 153	(D)
1992..	1 109	38	488	4 267	2 798	1 238	1 299	143
Property taxes paid								
farms, 1997..	147	157	826	818	249	419	72	8
1992..	178	155	664	1 093	301	413	85	4
\$1,000, 1997..	376	138	993	1 351	448	712	151	10
1992..	323	114	594	1 173	465	680	158	(D)
All other farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	144	126	658	822	248	398	70	8
1992..	178	128	612	1 006	284	399	82	7
\$1,000, 1997..	2 239	325	1 593	5 315	4 081	2 660	1 136	36
1992..	1 695	214	1 940	3 519	3 046	1 901	1 079	28

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Item	Davidson	Davie	Duplin	Durham	Edgecombe	Forsyth	Franklin	Gaston
Total farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	929	557	1 225	158	315	620	524	332
1992..	863	547	1 358	162	375	647	550	293
\$1,000, 1997..	17 290	12 365	574 138	4 203	95 549	9 930	42 265	6 759
1992..	14 079	11 574	362 171	5 140	57 297	9 459	37 271	6 086
Average per farm	dollars, 1997..	18 611	22 199	468 684	26 599	303 329	16 016	80 658
1992..	16 314	21 159	266 694	31 727	152 793	14 619	67 766	20 771
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms, 1997..	256	140	568	19	67	140	102
1992..	176	123	568	27	113	115	65	48
\$1,000, 1997..	1 058	1 150	165 628	135	6 142	509	4 156	445
1992..	919	1 054	55 930	381	2 631	276	3 279	495
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms, 1997..	476	346	709	73	92	287	212
1992..	363	312	707	82	177	337	194	197
\$1,000, 1997..	4 795	3 932	287 966	210	32 004	538	9 875	1 997
1992..	3 610	2 742	203 810	179	10 622	932	8 839	1 687
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms, 1997..	234	243	586	45	68	181	88
1992..	134	158	487	37	103	106	116	67
\$1,000, 1997..	4 269	3 095	273 661	98	31 255	398	9 215	1 390
1992..	2 651	1 432	108 617	49	7 232	400	6 784	1 036
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms, 1997..	352	168	767	64	234	291	233
1992..	509	226	967	97	265	328	371	109
\$1,000, 1997..	558	327	3 602	142	2 916	471	1 740	244
1992..	337	173	2 710	178	2 430	552	752	100
Commercial fertilizer	farms, 1997..	740	423	810	106	250	527	302
1992..	706	432	990	132	294	511	437	246
\$1,000, 1997..	1 254	1 207	8 489	419	6 069	1 089	2 629	503
1992..	1 392	1 308	8 497	475	5 180	981	2 697	528
Agricultural chemicals	farms, 1997..	334	148	774	72	258	288	258
1992..	388	223	971	101	294	268	372	78
\$1,000, 1997..	436	295	5 262	179	5 855	390	2 164	169
Petroleum products	farms, 1997..	352	332	4 590	272	4 990	304	1 429
1992..	897	517	1 186	139	291	581	465	318
\$1,000, 1997..	1 175	594	10 842	447	4 001	884	2 255	329
1992..	1 177	771	8 497	533	3 780	1 012	2 937	325
Gasoline and gasohol	farms, 1997..	643	357	905	112	236	371	398
1992..	668	354	988	130	267	538	489	219
\$1,000, 1997..	(D)	(D)	1 966	113	937	(D)	598	109
Diesel fuel	farms, 1997..	402	265	1 935	110	749	303	819
1992..	679	432	1 084	111	298	461	358	199
\$1,000, 1997..	424	265	3 476	113	1 279	228	617	119
1992..	414	289	2 238	96	1 431	284	773	107
Natural gas	farms, 1997..	1	1	74	10	44	9	33
1992..	60	37	56	9	24	42	20	2
\$1,000, 1997..	(D)	(D)	355	29	181	(D)	30	—
1992..	83	107	178	81	156	55	76	(D)
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms, 1997..	619	295	964	93	244	323	319
1992..	574	331	1 068	106	302	442	471	155
\$1,000, 1997..	366	107	5 045	192	1 604	373	1 010	114
1992..	279	110	4 146	246	1 444	369	1 270	101
Electricity	farms, 1997..	480	273	960	102	227	306	326
1992..	494	317	1 065	86	317	389	383	109
\$1,000, 1997..	456	265	5 705	150	1 417	245	604	136
Hired farm labor	farms, 1997..	337	352	3 923	124	1 033	300	859
1992..	195	160	695	63	169	189	235	39
\$1,000, 1997..	189	184	672	96	199	251	325	70
1992..	1 177	628	23 331	866	9 956	1 700	6 008	869
Contract labor	farms, 1997..	1 281	936	21 092	929	6 807	1 269	4 730
1992..	70	32	299	18	81	24	67	11
\$1,000, 1997..	43	20	338	21	64	32	85	7
Repair and maintenance	farms, 1997..	104	111	3 472	132	1 480	82	601
1992..	104	33	2 932	283	891	164	640	20
\$1,000, 1997..	775	485	1 125	120	275	509	403	243
1992..	726	460	1 102	149	324	529	488	253
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....	farms, 1997..	1 766	986	9 654	414	3 561	898	2 379
1992..	1 261	1 169	5 914	601	3 247	1 005	2 052	455
Interest	farms, 1997..	215	146	626	36	191	126	155
1992..	109	128	713	53	200	178	285	68
\$1,000, 1997..	1 278	721	16 286	209	3 715	555	1 692	339
1992..	755	923	8 521	124	3 058	627	1 817	362
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	169	95	531	27	127	79	122
1992..	82	94	605	24	124	157	220	36
\$1,000, 1997..	1 055	589	12 268	156	1 993	370	983	244
1992..	644	754	6 106	72	1 868	547	1 460	253
Not secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	101	93	229	20	112	54	84
1992..	48	79	301	31	111	58	123	23
\$1,000, 1997..	222	132	4 017	53	1 722	186	708	95
1992..	111	169	2 415	52	1 190	80	357	108
Cash rent	farms, 1997..	225	93	455	28	167	157	168
1992..	277	101	455	59	178	152	229	109
\$1,000, 1997..	370	225	6 774	126	9 317	458	2 381	80
Property taxes paid	farms, 1997..	381	245	5 607	323	5 772	419	3 331
1992..	885	545	1 180	150	291	606	515	312
\$1,000, 1997..	823	530	1 283	160	356	599	509	272
All other farm production expenses	farms, 1997..	578	484	2 540	269	1 008	574	688
1992..	720	483	1 137	132	308	470	465	254
\$1,000, 1997..	786	453	1 244	150	349	580	479	253
1992..	1 927	1 280	21 003	368	6 648	1 033	4 129	656
\$1,000, 1997..	1 408	951	25 539	420	4 747	954	2 834	777

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Item	Gates	Graham	Granville	Greene	Guilford	Halifax	Harnett	Haywood
Total farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	147	110	636	312	919	339	625	775
1992..	200	147	724	408	970	347	753	813
\$1,000, 1997..	32 639	679	21 428	142 370	29 988	75 450	67 436	10 579
1992..	24 589	744	19 467	92 197	28 210	71 041	46 788	11 283
Average per farm	222 033	6 173	33 692	456 313	32 632	222 567	107 898	13 650
dollars, 1997..								
1992..	122 946	5 058	26 889	225 973	29 082	204 730	62 135	13 878
Livestock and poultry purchased								
farms, 1997..	33	18	82	100	147	77	175	191
1992..	78	42	146	87	178	87	137	218
\$1,000, 1997..	3 886	66	254	30 903	2 230	9 325	6 339	1 075
1992..	1 325	63	936	11 545	1 807	9 150	1 893	1 298
Feed for livestock and poultry								
farms, 1997..	61	55	236	153	301	137	278	403
1992..	93	48	262	119	431	143	309	420
\$1,000, 1997..	11 173	98	1 320	58 024	3 390	15 106	25 471	2 363
1992..	6 289	71	1 590	34 048	3 157	11 450	8 920	2 711
Commercially mixed formula feeds								
farms, 1997..	47	31	101	110	211	69	207	211
1992..	42	19	75	64	172	58	130	125
\$1,000, 1997..	10 680	75	558	53 153	2 306	12 461	24 557	1 088
1992..	5 182	6	981	16 579	1 910	7 186	7 058	1 750
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees								
farms, 1997..	121	39	282	234	475	203	343	302
1992..	176	82	440	362	525	222	513	409
\$1,000, 1997..	1 288	5	611	1 941	2 051	2 778	1 120	297
1992..	1 371	5	360	1 511	1 298	2 892	875	175
Commercial fertilizer								
farms, 1997..	114	90	474	262	695	229	459	582
1992..	173	121	640	348	800	255	631	712
\$1,000, 1997..	2 572	68	1 775	4 279	2 396	5 784	3 997	760
1992..	2 473	86	1 672	5 211	2 796	5 507	4 989	669
Agricultural chemicals								
farms, 1997..	118	40	366	241	417	215	385	329
1992..	167	97	429	364	519	201	545	484
\$1,000, 1997..	3 527	12	990	3 728	996	6 586	3 288	229
Petroleum products								
farms, 1997..	2 800	14	647	3 415	1 277	6 471	2 884	274
1992..	147	95	550	300	853	284	574	709
\$1,000, 1997..	1 179	76	2 366	4 228	2 231	2 928	3 203	570
1992..	1 213	55	2 336	4 234	2 341	3 779	3 868	584
Gasoline and gasohol								
farms, 1997..	126	62	454	255	682	237	460	500
1992..	190	111	633	329	765	240	570	567
\$1,000, 1997..	263	46	597	879	692	761	686	(D)
Diesel fuel								
farms, 1997..	333	31	648	988	693	940	1 019	257
1992..	130	79	426	234	640	208	436	544
\$1,000, 1997..	502	18	469	1 158	615	1 045	854	251
1992..	448	14	466	1 087	688	1 662	899	206
Natural gas								
farms, 1997..	10	—	36	29	16	17	27	4
1992..	24	—	69	85	78	30	94	4
\$1,000, 1997..	44	—	87	332	96	111	103	(D)
1992..	44	—	122	339	99	97	261	3
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.								
farms, 1997..	134	51	397	263	561	228	436	460
1992..	174	61	578	379	645	260	513	341
\$1,000, 1997..	371	12	1 213	1 859	829	1 011	1 560	96
1992..	388	10	1 100	1 820	861	1 079	1 688	117
Electricity								
farms, 1997..	111	48	404	233	514	206	440	336
1992..	166	41	484	366	570	253	499	250
\$1,000, 1997..	274	15	624	2 061	653	1 165	1 346	207
Hired farm labor								
farms, 1997..	305	12	566	1 795	728	1 524	1 168	238
1992..	74	34	338	239	334	162	268	200
\$1,000, 1997..	96	67	397	279	480	224	429	239
1992..	1 857	54	4 668	12 471	5 956	9 151	6 450	1 588
Contract labor								
farms, 1997..	26	7	47	66	68	82	71	18
1992..	35	17	46	71	67	45	81	78
\$1,000, 1997..	142	5	285	811	269	1 028	919	145
Repair and maintenance								
farms, 1997..	134	72	502	268	736	246	565	554
1992..	185	113	619	377	848	315	651	648
\$1,000, 1997..	1 423	101	2 249	3 529	1 906	3 518	2 759	723
1992..	1 524	96	1 487	3 400	2 093	3 720	2 594	667
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....								
farms, 1997..	80	7	189	165	233	136	167	75
1992..	115	8	246	222	316	176	255	90
\$1,000, 1997..	325	3	361	1 263	366	1 383	753	65
1992..	524	1	376	1 271	378	1 497	335	120
Interest								
farms, 1997..	70	18	192	192	207	170	254	173
1992..	108	37	242	238	270	179	321	192
\$1,000, 1997..	862	40	912	6 761	1 358	3 622	3 445	415
1992..	834	87	739	2 510	1 433	3 072	2 690	523
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate								
farms, 1997..	40	12	87	127	140	108	200	81
1992..	69	27	163	169	187	117	222	102
\$1,000, 1997..	511	30	424	3 682	1 040	1 771	2 839	258
1992..	539	68	549	1 366	1 142	1 823	2 024	344
Not secured by real estate								
farms, 1997..	39	8	123	97	91	92	138	101
1992..	81	10	96	116	107	108	175	128
\$1,000, 1997..	350	10	488	3 078	318	1 851	605	158
1992..	295	18	190	1 144	291	1 249	666	179
Cash rent								
farms, 1997..	83	15	190	129	229	129	195	165
1992..	95	37	214	151	276	199	300	222
\$1,000, 1997..	2 059	11	2 042	4 695	887	6 398	3 719	301
Property taxes paid								
farms, 1997..	1 665	16	1 935	3 973	1 288	5 665	4 370	319
1992..	144	90	594	289	895	328	614	716
\$1,000, 1997..	180	133	688	381	936	330	704	737
1992..	390	44	800	846	1 315	736	1 092	601
All other farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	366	58	695	933	1 168	718	974	744
1992..	139	77	497	293	802	325	534	665
\$1,000, 1997..	176	112	657	393	904	291	645	640
1992..	1 681	82	2 172	6 828	3 984	5 943	3 537	1 239
\$1,000, 1997..	2 129	99	2 386	8 862	3 038	5 377	4 399	1 122

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Item	Henderson	Hertford	Hoke	Hyde	Iredell	Jackson	Johnston	Jones
Total farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	487	168	162	100	1 189	216	1 216	153
1992..	511	195	173	135	1 143	186	1 405	195
\$1,000, 1997..	32 976	49 244	47 881	23 850	69 091	3 358	121 775	73 863
1992..	34 297	29 734	25 258	20 275	54 197	2 130	83 123	22 466
Average per farm	dollars, 1997..	67 714	293 117	295 560	238 500	58 108	15 548	482 764
1992..	67 118	152 482	146 001	150 187	47 417	11 453	59 162	115 211
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms, 1997..	64	32	24	7	304	29	241
1992..	53	41	53	20	410	27	284	58
\$1,000, 1997..	455	3 273	6 850	443	8 450	31	13 365	18 454
1992..	879	1 596	2 288	322	6 775	61	4 031	1 133
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms, 1997..	143	37	53	13	661	68	535
1992..	102	49	75	26	721	100	549	78
\$1,000, 1997..	2 280	20 421	18 794	1 384	27 482	178	38 214	31 084
1992..	2 886	8 865	4 450	1 308	21 517	103	13 091	5 158
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms, 1997..	98	29	28	4	491	36	332
1992..	56	46	36	14	386	16	205	43
\$1,000, 1997..	1 616	15 409	17 929	565	24 701	84	34 429	29 427
1992..	1 842	8 791	4 307	352	18 312	(D)	9 347	831
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms, 1997..	223	139	102	93	446	72	737
1992..	202	162	119	126	325	58	1 078	138
\$1,000, 1997..	2 449	1 520	732	2 280	1 050	173	3 730	999
1992..	817	1 424	539	512	740	90	2 738	622
Commercial fertilizer	farms, 1997..	416	138	121	87	796	171	950
1992..	426	160	127	125	714	149	1 250	150
\$1,000, 1997..	1 165	2 520	1 580	4 443	3 518	213	7 709	2 707
1992..	1 262	2 374	1 953	3 574	2 606	126	8 966	2 424
Agricultural chemicals	farms, 1997..	351	137	103	86	498	127	782
1992..	428	169	117	116	351	82	1 059	155
\$1,000, 1997..	2 887	3 353	2 100	2 949	1 115	128	5 618	2 738
Petroleum products	farms, 1997..	3 062	2 012	1 267	2 096	700	70	4 848
1992..	477	164	146	95	1 123	203	1 140	150
\$1,000, 1997..	2 081	1 734	1 142	1 344	2 029	170	6 347	1 872
1992..	1 929	1 516	1 036	1 389	1 630	124	6 394	1 510
Gasoline and gasohol	farms, 1997..	392	118	109	72	843	148	784
1992..	391	153	131	96	771	134	954	162
\$1,000, 1997..	(D)	(D)	189	282	696	85	1 379	462
Diesel fuel	farms, 1997..	507	392	284	342	592	67	1 558
1992..	374	149	113	90	858	151	971	126
\$1,000, 1997..	344	152	118	117	793	134	1 093	169
1992..	520	561	385	696	885	55	1 730	477
509	577	349	679	663	32	2 042	480	
Natural gas	farms, 1997..	8	3	15	7	28	3	67
1992..	19	7	9	8	39	—	46	12
\$1,000, 1997..	(D)	(D)	50	33	39	1	270	39
1992..	30	8	51	41	75	—	246	7
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms, 1997..	346	141	126	86	744	107	827
1992..	343	166	124	114	656	69	936	164
\$1,000, 1997..	147	856	518	332	408	29	2 969	894
1992..	883	540	351	327	300	25	2 548	505
Electricity	farms, 1997..	267	122	111	77	656	97	841
1992..	258	144	113	111	716	67	992	141
\$1,000, 1997..	661	809	841	196	1 366	46	2 252	637
Hired farm labor	farms, 1997..	670	526	756	200	1 346	37	1 871
1992..	223	107	77	65	308	61	541	101
\$1,000, 1997..	276	95	77	91	399	47	583	104
1992..	10 298	3 877	5 451	2 469	7 591	975	11 770	3 718
Contract labor	farms, 1997..	97	26	21	31	83	33	249
1992..	87	34	24	22	112	41	209	22
\$1,000, 1997..	1 305	289	462	648	481	124	3 634	462
Repair and maintenance	farms, 1997..	651	344	146	387	331	76	2 550
1992..	456	140	130	91	911	149	985	133
\$1,000, 1997..	427	177	142	126	988	141	1 227	194
1992..	2 816	1 706	1 583	1 589	2 477	232	5 618	1 713
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....	farms, 1997..	2 738	1 452	1 100	1 363	2 630	170	5 823
1992..	99	68	56	55	267	22	491	78
\$1,000, 1997..	110	80	52	63	317	36	701	124
1992..	685	522	571	417	778	42	1 781	478
368	420	429	600	523	53	1 485	332	
Interest	farms, 1997..	161	92	61	76	364	47	490
1992..	153	126	74	88	388	38	640	116
\$1,000, 1997..	1 464	1 327	1 512	1 197	2 793	233	5 211	2 142
1992..	1 396	1 404	980	1 209	2 580	121	4 075	840
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	104	56	37	46	294	21	321
1992..	91	57	71	71	324	14	390	73
\$1,000, 1997..	1 311	679	855	636	1 985	93	3 271	1 552
1992..	1 026	754	487	761	2 168	96	2 626	431
Not secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	84	57	40	51	135	26	294
1992..	82	105	35	55	141	27	404	64
\$1,000, 1997..	152	647	656	561	808	140	1 941	591
1992..	370	650	493	448	412	24	1 449	409
Cash rent	farms, 1997..	141	93	54	55	346	37	477
1992..	191	98	56	73	348	28	584	61
\$1,000, 1997..	1 093	1 695	1 107	2 263	1 016	146	6 497	2 884
Property taxes paid	farms, 1997..	1 100	1 350	1 051	2 355	842	27	7 480
1992..	470	148	154	95	1 169	204	1 148	149
\$1,000, 1997..	448	189	162	133	1 098	179	1 338	180
All other farm production expenses	farms, 1997..	571	658	356	341	1 200	202	1 951
1992..	509	388	232	475	1 009	99	1 591	292
\$1,000, 1997..	439	165	140	95	1 005	179	1 049	139
1992..	452	186	150	132	950	143	1 267	173
\$1,000, 1997..	2 767	5 540	4 800	1 888	7 746	466	8 076	3 468
1992..	5 606	2 707	4 453	1 663	5 285	455	7 198	2 433

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Item	Lee	Lenoir	Lincoln	McDowell	Macon	Madison	Martin	Mecklenburg
Total farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	310	446	497	225	309	906	389	295
1992..	301	532	424	194	291	1 179	488	280
\$1,000, 1997..	19 111	146 423	13 329	9 218	2 183	6 638	40 414	32 002
1992..	12 256	80 585	11 068	6 335	2 751	5 352	42 534	28 337
Average per farm	dollars, 1997..	61 648	328 303	26 819	40 969	7 066	7 327	103 892
1992..	40 717	151 475	26 104	32 655	9 454	4 539	87 161	101 205
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms, 1997..	65	122	136	44	51	203	32
1992..	82	105	111	54	68	158	103	79
\$1,000, 1997..	1 664	27 043	1 233	521	214	366	997	59
1992..	820	7 816	728	271	122	218	1 464	243
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms, 1997..	129	201	271	106	97	339	76
1992..	146	140	222	96	125	337	177	158
\$1,000, 1997..	6 189	59 495	5 787	2 092	258	257	4 912	1 970
1992..	2 973	25 655	4 008	995	578	328	4 526	1 133
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms, 1997..	64	146	136	62	56	186	49
1992..	42	85	86	19	27	108	94	38
\$1,000, 1997..	5 958	56 925	4 749	2 007	157	81	4 755	1 720
1992..	2 681	18 354	2 422	901	422	151	3 329	503
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms, 1997..	140	353	94	80	85	543	341
1992..	166	472	112	88	59	764	444	77
\$1,000, 1997..	505	2 948	112	70	103	332	2 343	3 467
1992..	221	1 519	192	41	26	129	2 651	1 159
Commercial fertilizer	farms, 1997..	194	368	363	155	246	792	354
1992..	208	467	366	144	243	1 090	428	209
\$1,000, 1997..	1 073	6 667	891	281	321	836	4 463	975
1992..	1 078	6 202	948	353	376	811	4 528	553
Agricultural chemicals	farms, 1997..	128	289	138	97	107	569	326
1992..	179	435	178	83	103	799	430	77
\$1,000, 1997..	1 064	5 924	320	121	57	262	5 253	765
Petroleum products	farms, 1997..	616	4 115	303	71	123	215	5 143
1992..	281	421	446	198	293	858	352	270
\$1,000, 1997..	1 066	5 077	384	194	275	1 158	471	258
1992..	843	4 743	483	310	164	408	2 813	1 814
Gasoline and gasohol	farms, 1997..	221	350	321	135	181	558	233
1992..	205	392	286	123	171	867	385	183
\$1,000, 1997..	237	1 198	206	(D)	77	179	592	195
Diesel fuel	farms, 1997..	239	1 178	178	70	91	239	840
1992..	227	366	325	147	236	630	306	203
\$1,000, 1997..	200	453	329	135	225	812	410	190
1992..	251	1 492	170	97	70	176	953	385
Natural gas	farms, 1997..	217	1 393	184	94	47	159	1 283
1992..	15	32	4	6	—	15	27	11
\$1,000, 1997..	15	57	10	2	—	23	30	8
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms, 1997..	42	397	10	(D)	—	5	52
1992..	183	352	233	113	131	368	290	144
\$1,000, 1997..	171	453	262	116	120	609	416	153
1992..	554	2 081	105	102	17	49	1 215	312
Electricity	farms, 1997..	345	1 775	110	(D)	10	55	1 293
1992..	154	350	254	118	123	313	262	169
\$1,000, 1997..	234	480	218	64	87	282	425	165
Hired farm labor	farms, 1997..	402	2 134	185	148	37	66	795
1992..	325	1 638	273	96	67	53	1 107	440
\$1,000, 1997..	109	305	118	47	63	327	233	83
Contract labor	farms, 1997..	147	382	86	52	116	421	296
1992..	227	366	325	147	236	640	311	243
\$1,000, 1997..	2 034	11 401	856	2 464	187	674	4 557	11 832
Repair and maintenance	farms, 1997..	1 082	4 770	785	501	293	740	2 723
1992..	745	3 412	586	274	281	540	2 844	1 911
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....	farms, 1997..	83	236	118	37	22	89	197
1992..	112	281	86	49	46	89	305	75
\$1,000, 1997..	249	1 628	111	38	14	57	1 274	244
Interest	farms, 1997..	89	1 726	93	56	38	25	1 051
1992..	111	226	114	41	37	218	217	47
\$1,000, 1997..	140	295	106	25	32	216	229	35
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	1 067	4 208	775	322	95	664	1 631
1992..	719	2 731	555	327	126	514	1 823	750
\$1,000, 1997..	111	226	114	41	37	218	217	47
Cash rent	farms, 1997..	94	148	110	32	25	156	117
1992..	110	157	74	21	31	137	152	20
\$1,000, 1997..	867	2 351	553	241	79	517	888	709
Not secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	550	1 564	440	128	117	399	1 238
1992..	36	128	32	20	12	105	144	23
\$1,000, 1997..	200	1 857	221	81	16	147	743	306
1992..	168	1 167	114	200	9	115	586	362
Property taxes paid	farms, 1997..	66	193	107	31	50	106	193
1992..	96	209	139	45	38	172	250	57
\$1,000, 1997..	772	6 249	133	189	30	121	3 439	126
1992..	960	4 600	196	38	56	134	3 565	427
All other farm production expenses	farms, 1997..	296	435	477	216	299	845	355
1992..	288	500	406	184	279	1 118	472	272
\$1,000, 1997..	471	1 008	448	180	196	667	555	565
1992..	316	753	341	148	124	724	667	589
\$1,000, 1997..	262	411	421	179	236	724	364	239
1992..	247	505	341	148	217	840	488	238
\$1,000, 1997..	1 357	7 079	1 165	1 767	194	832	3 699	6 559
1992..	1 237	5 652	1 335	1 656	319	573	4 010	9 378

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Item	Mitchell	Montgomery	Moore	Nash	New Hanover	Northampton	Onslow	Orange
Total farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	308	255	684	470	62	341	369	485
1992..	322	236	702	561	68	381	425	432
\$1,000, 1997..	2 040	38 938	77 508	116 881	3 182	75 255	75 716	17 937
Average per farm								
dollars, 1997..	1 971	30 067	62 219	99 178	1 930	54 113	50 798	26 471
1992..	6 622	152 697	113 316	248 683	51 330	220 689	205 191	36 984
Livestock and poultry purchased								
farms, 1997..	34	76	215	89	5	56	101	130
1992..	56	81	229	165	5	73	130	125
\$1,000, 1997..	139	9 353	13 701	11 953	(D)	10 016	13 863	1 314
1992..	135	5 110	12 455	8 082	13	6 742	6 656	2 752
Feed for livestock and poultry								
farms, 1997..	78	119	364	158	7	79	143	236
1992..	99	153	363	214	12	108	195	214
\$1,000, 1997..	78	22 531	41 211	36 105	39	21 114	43 136	3 610
1992..	140	16 490	27 199	27 842	180	11 765	25 252	10 262
Commercially mixed formula feeds								
farms, 1997..	50	102	229	109	6	52	119	117
1992..	41	75	245	145	12	57	99	99
\$1,000, 1997..	33	22 120	38 413	34 087	38	20 156	41 258	2 753
1992..	74	14 733	25 185	25 700	170	11 132	16 453	2 712
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees								
farms, 1997..	134	89	288	266	36	304	221	173
1992..	106	83	326	379	42	329	310	195
\$1,000, 1997..	90	95	382	2 905	394	2 613	841	920
1992..	45	75	496	1 982	169	2 680	854	359
Commercial fertilizer								
farms, 1997..	246	155	388	326	38	306	259	363
1992..	277	146	466	426	51	314	366	285
\$1,000, 1997..	203	277	1 787	5 396	106	5 146	2 126	1 311
1992..	222	419	1 622	6 332	102	4 159	2 398	1 172
Agricultural chemicals								
farms, 1997..	211	89	307	311	40	304	225	214
1992..	166	114	408	392	48	318	329	207
\$1,000, 1997..	114	153	1 180	6 378	83	6 180	1 385	351
Petroleum products								
farms, 1997..	293	218	652	425	54	338	352	438
1992..	295	225	650	541	64	362	398	413
\$1,000, 1997..	155	454	1 949	5 834	123	2 672	1 928	1 075
1992..	159	408	1 652	5 567	72	2 523	1 835	1 197
Gasoline and gasohol								
farms, 1997..	235	145	449	373	41	235	241	331
1992..	235	155	518	452	46	250	302	354
\$1,000, 1997..	78	127	525	1 013	30	643	414	335
Diesel fuel								
farms, 1997..	200	176	534	361	30	316	288	389
1992..	209	187	437	432	32	316	333	316
\$1,000, 1997..	40	106	458	1 129	37	1 093	439	286
1992..	51	123	427	1 688	12	1 062	577	320
Natural gas								
farms, 1997..	—	13	10	20	3	33	7	13
1992..	—	8	37	22	2	31	25	4
\$1,000, 1997..	—	7	122	83	23	80	148	20
1992..	—	13	91	344	(D)	74	91	9
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.								
farms, 1997..	151	132	410	363	31	293	221	308
1992..	155	136	387	464	43	308	301	289
\$1,000, 1997..	36	214	844	3 609	34	857	927	435
1992..	21	121	604	2 129	21	753	726	479
Electricity								
farms, 1997..	112	134	439	335	39	258	291	322
1992..	96	152	442	441	52	283	312	283
\$1,000, 1997..	25	400	1 119	2 467	65	1 025	881	376
Hired farm labor								
farms, 1997..	26	360	1 054	2 143	64	943	689	579
1992..	97	86	258	284	25	164	175	146
\$1,000, 1997..	155	83	271	343	36	230	192	193
1992..	209	1 221	4 829	14 087	1 323	6 932	3 327	2 689
Contract labor								
farms, 1997..	56	53	81	93	12	25	45	80
1992..	29	30	66	145	11	30	65	51
\$1,000, 1997..	46	147	312	4 088	(D)	263	392	179
Repair and maintenance								
farms, 1997..	206	169	596	389	53	312	305	367
1992..	225	171	548	495	56	311	384	389
\$1,000, 1997..	199	683	2 106	4 778	163	3 705	1 752	1 114
1992..	255	485	1 671	4 396	143	2 723	1 417	1 366
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....								
farms, 1997..	35	67	134	189	13	164	134	88
1992..	55	59	202	228	11	201	181	166
\$1,000, 1997..	13	57	301	1 678	47	1 262	489	286
1992..	31	77	298	934	9	1 398	665	242
Interest								
farms, 1997..	81	85	301	241	24	165	135	156
1992..	54	89	231	314	19	200	179	127
\$1,000, 1997..	288	950	2 100	4 824	54	3 887	1 541	716
1992..	139	910	1 526	4 250	71	2 740	1 277	1 075
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate								
farms, 1997..	61	80	240	183	17	89	95	116
1992..	44	67	181	213	14	135	122	92
\$1,000, 1997..	272	887	1 848	2 849	28	2 013	1 214	543
1992..	133	741	1 226	2 674	(D)	1 822	901	739
Not secured by real estate								
farms, 1997..	21	26	126	130	8	135	61	74
1992..	19	39	85	177	8	119	111	56
\$1,000, 1997..	16	63	252	1 975	26	1 874	327	173
1992..	6	169	299	1 576	(D)	918	377	336
Cash rent								
farms, 1997..	27	43	150	179	14	200	102	121
1992..	31	48	157	246	16	233	164	144
\$1,000, 1997..	11	116	1 482	6 942	50	2 969	1 438	579
1992..	18	85	1 090	6 941	24	2 880	1 551	473
Property taxes paid								
farms, 1997..	294	243	646	444	59	322	350	485
1992..	313	223	698	548	60	337	396	416
\$1,000, 1997..	224	333	767	1 077	64	1 105	449	778
1992..	164	240	659	1 107	55	635	381	622
All other farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	223	223	567	404	50	333	319	418
1992..	257	205	619	526	56	360	378	336
\$1,000, 1997..	247	2 168	4 283	8 366	642	6 366	2 166	2 639
1992..	260	4 024	6 839	7 881	324	4 038	3 154	2 342

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Item	Pamlico	Pasquotank	Pender	Perquimans	Person	Pitt	Polk	Randolph
Total farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	67	173	285	201	401	475	188	1 367
1992..	82	199	332	226	476	583	162	1 292
\$1,000, 1997..	15 613	25 736	86 645	31 118	18 496	143 677	2 928	100 981
Average per farm								
dollars, 1997..	13 459	23 291	30 554	23 274	18 326	105 691	3 023	77 384
1992..	233 027	148 764	304 018	154 817	46 124	302 477	15 575	73 870
Livestock and poultry purchased								
farms, 1997..	9	19	77	34	64	92	44	462
1992..	10	8	88	45	69	115	35	513
\$1,000, 1997..	209	153	19 484	1 759	368	15 130	236	14 604
1992..	364	144	2 785	1 582	235	4 626	229	12 648
Feed for livestock and poultry								
farms, 1997..	17	36	111	57	166	178	95	869
1992..	14	18	136	94	132	215	78	850
\$1,000, 1997..	1 293	613	33 566	9 537	1 485	43 841	461	58 692
Commercially mixed formula feeds								
farms, 1997..	1 600	339	9 479	6 161	1 491	21 725	586	37 373
1992..	7	31	62	35	92	112	67	554
\$1,000, 1997..	1 284	510	32 806	9 346	441	41 985	328	52 791
1992..	1 300	177	7 222	5 407	381	15 665	317	34 290
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees								
farms, 1997..	51	147	180	189	214	334	38	301
1992..	65	153	242	199	301	503	51	439
\$1,000, 1997..	1 305	2 882	1 301	1 509	755	3 762	142	784
Commercial fertilizer								
farms, 1997..	52	146	210	174	313	370	128	699
1992..	67	164	283	199	419	499	126	796
\$1,000, 1997..	2 500	4 074	2 064	3 763	2 061	8 748	310	1 759
1992..	2 024	3 927	2 201	2 678	1 808	7 425	276	1 855
Agricultural chemicals								
farms, 1997..	44	144	173	176	242	373	81	378
1992..	60	164	226	167	350	486	77	418
\$1,000, 1997..	1 885	2 881	1 299	2 937	1 155	7 376	138	657
Petroleum products								
farms, 1997..	61	166	265	194	675	5 932	138	674
1992..	79	199	317	210	391	461	178	1 279
\$1,000, 1997..	795	1 377	1 423	1 060	1 842	7 199	173	2 536
1992..	841	1 340	1 552	1 170	2 405	6 524	138	1 931
Gasoline and gasohol								
farms, 1997..	47	140	174	155	295	371	103	831
1992..	64	158	262	175	401	416	115	873
\$1,000, 1997..	156	(D)	364	(D)	489	1 496	68	630
Diesel fuel								
farms, 1997..	54	144	209	161	324	388	149	1 055
1992..	56	160	291	190	389	451	112	928
\$1,000, 1997..	380	744	378	491	435	1 953	82	1 041
1992..	387	777	523	578	479	1 811	61	616
Natural gas								
farms, 1997..	7	1	14	3	15	50	3	35
1992..	4	5	11	2	28	36	10	22
\$1,000, 1997..	47	(D)	150	(D)	33	507	1	202
1992..	(D)	8	14	(D)	171	324	4	42
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.								
farms, 1997..	45	137	157	183	298	378	90	897
1992..	70	159	259	194	370	476	86	785
\$1,000, 1997..	212	289	530	204	884	3 243	23	664
1992..	206	210	543	(D)	1 302	2 995	16	571
Electricity								
farms, 1997..	55	134	201	129	264	402	100	806
1992..	58	125	242	167	361	496	97	813
\$1,000, 1997..	175	202	1 100	313	532	3 507	55	1 648
Hired farm labor								
farms, 1997..	233	226	453	280	637	2 406	66	1 264
1992..	34	95	105	100	177	351	64	311
\$1,000, 1997..	46	90	144	83	283	412	52	311
1992..	2 362	3 041	10 306	1 728	2 953	16 966	306	5 962
Contract labor								
farms, 1997..	15	39	69	29	63	102	34	180
1992..	11	30	55	17	51	116	33	118
\$1,000, 1997..	284	1 408	749	424	381	1 641	131	949
Repair and maintenance								
farms, 1997..	58	146	216	190	347	403	145	1 096
1992..	68	175	284	208	399	546	130	1 063
\$1,000, 1997..	1 004	2 007	1 660	1 856	1 459	6 432	256	3 232
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....								
farms, 1997..	25	82	80	.96	213	177	32	258
1992..	36	73	139	112	147	336	44	343
\$1,000, 1997..	366	615	508	715	514	1 732	25	371
1992..	206	816	338	503	269	1 483	84	588
Interest								
farms, 1997..	34	91	137	121	189	268	55	336
1992..	43	78	157	132	188	308	51	312
\$1,000, 1997..	633	1 270	2 340	1 094	1 346	5 718	200	2 627
1992..	600	1 227	1 099	834	989	3 701	223	1 964
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate								
farms, 1997..	26	51	125	83	149	163	47	254
1992..	26	51	127	80	135	168	42	246
\$1,000, 1997..	455	689	2 023	700	752	3 654	187	2 120
Not secured by real estate								
farms, 1997..	469	796	789	434	731	2 398	183	1 677
1992..	20	59	39	75	76	166	15	144
\$1,000, 1997..	178	581	317	394	594	2 064	14	506
1992..	131	431	310	401	259	1 303	40	286
Cash rent								
farms, 1997..	35	90	123	145	159	201	27	253
1992..	45	91	131	161	188	289	27	292
\$1,000, 1997..	1 268	2 590	918	2 178	1 080	11 066	63	834
Property taxes paid								
farms, 1997..	67	158	250	178	392	437	180	1 330
1992..	81	182	328	225	437	502	159	1 238
\$1,000, 1997..	242	389	810	304	621	1 441	198	1 596
All other farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	60	160	236	197	365	465	144	1 164
1992..	75	184	293	226	420	555	130	1 119
\$1,000, 1997..	1 292	2 233	9 117	1 942	1 943	9 118	233	4 731
1992..	1 243	1 779	2 897	1 649	1 832	19 674	361	8 687

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Item	Richmond	Robeson	Rockingham	Rowan	Rutherford	Sampson	Scotland	Stanly
Total farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	251	1 002	779	779	505	1 185	124	557
1992..	221	1 192	901	750	464	1 344	125	550
\$1,000, 1997..	50 563	161 987	22 823	22 954	5 165	577 584	44 136	51 748
1992..	30 379	77 817	18 184	20 819	4 809	290 677	22 449	40 763
Average per farm	dollars, 1997..	201 448	161 663	29 298	29 466	10 228	487 412	355 936
1992..	137 460	65 283	20 182	27 759	10 364	216 278	179 593	74 114
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms, 1997..	122	138	127	193	149	376	26
1992..	93	169	98	207	88	391	21	167
\$1,000, 1997..	6 498	20 665	502	1 263	670	138 054	4 977	4 030
1992..	3 961	4 242	537	1 453	496	48 547	1 331	4 464
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms, 1997..	139	253	235	385	268	558	69
1992..	140	300	257	428	282	619	47	329
\$1,000, 1997..	31 872	58 443	2 314	7 063	1 346	279 245	20 952	28 298
1992..	15 488	14 972	559	4 961	1 294	134 920	9 871	19 127
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms, 1997..	111	139	122	275	206	493	56
1992..	98	125	67	182	113	289	24	137
\$1,000, 1997..	31 507	56 623	1 982	6 244	1 008	264 382	19 802	27 901
1992..	14 294	7 301	333	3 653	918	64 492	4 786	18 205
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms, 1997..	109	745	435	262	110	810	74
1992..	129	970	574	283	116	1 028	94	211
\$1,000, 1997..	392	3 718	962	552	69	4 470	367	1 024
1992..	339	3 011	457	500	47	3 301	395	704
Commercial fertilizer	farms, 1997..	140	863	683	628	337	890	82
1992..	130	1 035	777	520	325	1 093	104	356
\$1,000, 1997..	665	8 715	2 095	2 338	521	10 627	1 145	2 303
1992..	1 091	8 656	1 806	1 800	474	10 420	1 441	2 039
Agricultural chemicals	farms, 1997..	114	745	416	264	114	848	74
1992..	129	928	507	244	169	1 002	85	223
\$1,000, 1997..	401	7 959	960	759	47	7 499	1 630	1 499
Petroleum products	farms, 1997..	473	5 517	994	622	50	5 877	1 073
1992..	221	979	757	735	458	1 166	112	514
\$1,000, 1997..	216	1 127	878	704	442	1 283	121	497
1992..	1 071	6 572	2 487	1 108	406	13 260	1 019	1 091
951	6 301	2 499	1 115	327	7 899	912	1 417	
Gasoline and gasohol	farms, 1997..	170	605	524	451	344	896	73
1992..	145	734	694	475	318	935	79	350
\$1,000, 1997..	251	1 619	562	(D)	180	3 103	337	305
Diesel fuel	farms, 1997..	292	1 380	725	323	157	2 130	179
1992..	150	791	643	638	362	1 025	87	405
\$1,000, 1997..	440	2 010	550	444	159	3 399	427	484
1992..	365	2 283	484	438	111	2 485	427	468
Natural gas	farms, 1997..	12	26	96	3	7	94	6
1992..	19	81	81	24	6	107	8	32
\$1,000, 1997..	71	107	320	(D)	1	1 018	61	51
1992..	54	269	230	188	3	345	40	134
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms, 1997..	158	658	549	439	208	947	80
1992..	179	856	590	432	243	1 008	92	308
\$1,000, 1997..	309	2 836	1 055	249	66	5 741	194	250
1992..	240	2 368	1 061	166	56	2 938	266	421
Electricity	farms, 1997..	167	546	526	402	206	846	86
1992..	156	744	620	383	275	986	92	316
\$1,000, 1997..	797	2 519	727	384	88	9 393	724	621
Hired farm labor	farms, 1997..	513	1 597	588	434	106	3 267	273
1992..	95	488	343	192	110	535	68	127
\$1,000, 1997..	109	567	503	141	108	706	60	116
1992..	2 890	16 591	3 806	2 704	180	33 859	4 944	3 163
2 208	8 712	3 876	3 407	209	27 103	2 293	2 258	
Contract labor	farms, 1997..	27	173	67	72	55	276	16
1992..	38	143	37	24	33	289	25	31
\$1,000, 1997..	55	1 322	487	669	75	10 413	303	83
Repair and maintenance	farms, 1997..	236	891	181	65	36	3 025	128
1992..	219	763	643	596	346	1 023	108	423
\$1,000, 1997..	192	887	757	610	391	1 233	97	423
1992..	1 162	6 218	2 052	1 298	373	11 940	1 873	2 033
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....	farms, 1997..	808	4 428	1 699	1 246	453	7 359	984
1992..	56	442	156	162	73	575	43	124
\$1,000, 1997..	68	475	248	162	106	745	36	120
1992..	210	2 739	390	485	41	3 178	372	258
127	1 461	223	310	54	2 050	289	196	
Interest	farms, 1997..	112	397	270	187	119	608	54
1992..	129	513	256	266	121	606	53	195
\$1,000, 1997..	1 385	4 043	1 353	971	401	15 724	1 160	2 037
1992..	885	3 478	977	1 664	376	7 387	671	1 501
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	95	225	157	154	105	499	42
1992..	105	312	162	223	109	486	38	145
\$1,000, 1997..	1 166	2 633	886	791	336	10 626	803	1 718
1992..	773	2 281	678	1 440	305	5 332	557	1 272
Not secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	52	260	157	48	33	287	21
1992..	49	308	142	96	24	252	24	73
\$1,000, 1997..	220	1 410	467	180	65	5 097	357	318
1992..	112	1 197	298	224	71	2 055	115	229
Cash rent	farms, 1997..	37	374	243	194	70	474	42
1992..	84	524	235	161	70	572	57	148
\$1,000, 1997..	380	7 050	1 361	562	36	8 568	781	1 405
1992..	374	6 115	1 140	417	48	6 510	821	1 156
Property taxes paid	farms, 1997..	249	915	699	759	496	1 125	113
1992..	220	1 089	840	728	447	1 287	117	505
\$1,000, 1997..	493	1 800	802	949	516	3 156	295	631
All other farm production expenses	farms, 1997..	358	1 697	631	705	384	1 916	247
1992..	192	896	683	660	391	1 096	103	488
\$1,000, 1997..	212	1 068	825	681	349	1 223	112	462
1992..	2 292	13 634	2 526	1 850	399	28 200	3 595	3 273
2 568	6 739	2 018	2 120	455	21 097	1 719	4 004	

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Item	Stokes	Surry	Swain	Transylvania	Tyrrell	Union	Vance	Wake
Total farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	925	1 194	77	174	83	1 138	232	771
1992..	1 074	1 269	80	176	96	1 039	289	834
\$1,000, 1997..	20 122	60 369	1 556	6 346	25 227	232 550	10 918	46 836
1992..	15 596	42 233	1 625	4 919	16 516	204 532	12 110	40 933
Average per farm	dollars, 1997..	21 753	50 560	20 209	36 469	303 944	204 350	47 060
1992..	14 521	33 280	20 315	27 950	172 046	196 855	41 903	49 081
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms, 1997..	114	241	12	34	11	463	23
1992..	198	308	14	61	18	505	27	114
\$1,000, 1997..	1 454	5 071	268	1 389	725	29 884	99	(D)
1992..	1 190	5 539	(D)	289	274	31 452	167	805
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms, 1997..	325	509	34	78	20	730	50
1992..	341	614	40	102	29	644	87	281
\$1,000, 1997..	2 235	28 803	276	1 164	7 951	153 623	91	5 915
1992..	1 188	11 002	(D)	1 423	2 285	120 729	561	2 031
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms, 1997..	225	330	20	45	15	562	25
1992..	117	286	14	35	10	429	32	127
\$1,000, 1997..	525	27 886	84	248	7 210	153 129	39	5 155
1992..	486	9 343	(D)	1 256	937	118 762	418	918
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms, 1997..	472	488	27	62	60	318	113
1992..	760	753	29	59	76	358	187	455
\$1,000, 1997..	734	739	(D)	332	2 029	1 768	479	479
1992..	278	765	17	270	1 153	1 307	522	1 435
Commercial fertilizer	farms, 1997..	814	945	49	129	66	539	187
1992..	987	1 058	60	123	79	520	243	606
\$1,000, 1997..	1 567	3 202	50	182	2 396	3 692	1 053	3 934
1992..	1 662	3 115	(D)	155	2 412	3 337	1 341	3 619
Agricultural chemicals	farms, 1997..	516	565	37	107	62	427	124
1992..	749	657	46	88	71	448	186	515
\$1,000, 1997..	617	1 399	31	83	1 906	3 161	790	592
1992..	516	1 267	23	56	1 725	2 627	925	2 449
Petroleum products	farms, 1997..	882	1 132	72	165	77	1 032	210
1992..	1 067	1 242	77	164	90	956	280	730
\$1,000, 1997..	1 971	3 087	89	190	890	3 154	1 149	3 756
1992..	2 229	3 206	64	181	883	3 503	1 286	4 057
Gasoline and gasohol	farms, 1997..	638	773	55	133	59	686	138
1992..	938	933	58	135	73	791	249	561
\$1,000, 1997..	482	632	40	83	(D)	655	234	670
1992..	637	958	38	92	188	877	389	965
Diesel fuel	farms, 1997..	734	841	58	126	58	798	163
1992..	770	978	47	117	75	684	171	619
\$1,000, 1997..	499	795	36	77	443	812	297	591
1992..	523	732	19	46	405	1 130	241	799
Natural gas	farms, 1997..	91	36	—	—	3	40	32
1992..	206	43	—	2	6	44	29	12
\$1,000, 1997..	219	182	—	—	(D)	345	117	46
1992..	286	145	—	(D)	30	195	102	131
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms, 1997..	606	699	33	91	62	629	151
1992..	744	826	40	103	81	695	254	469
\$1,000, 1997..	772	1 478	13	30	255	1 343	502	504
1992..	782	1 370	7	(D)	260	1 301	554	1 861
Electricity	farms, 1997..	593	643	34	78	49	691	143
1992..	760	869	43	83	63	652	200	556
\$1,000, 1997..	526	1 013	38	62	176	2 141	326	614
1992..	505	934	35	92	193	1 630	400	1 277
Hired farm labor	farms, 1997..	417	566	26	53	40	337	119
1992..	528	597	31	46	46	285	159	345
\$1,000, 1997..	3 569	5 724	181	937	2 475	7 765	2 720	368
1992..	1 909	3 744	323	932	1 943	6 931	2 210	8 763
Contract labor	farms, 1997..	54	77	3	24	17	144	11
1992..	53	118	6	26	15	92	66	128
\$1,000, 1997..	116	575	(D)	33	355	479	184	161
1992..	187	438	15	96	129	860	206	1 175
Repair and maintenance	farms, 1997..	792	938	54	125	72	845	190
1992..	930	1 117	68	127	85	831	222	661
\$1,000, 1997..	2 009	2 409	133	231	1 259	4 373	852	707
1992..	1 446	2 625	114	247	881	3 785	1 102	3 427
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....	farms, 1997..	241	243	5	18	34	278	45
1992..	276	454	14	32	39	344	78	218
\$1,000, 1997..	220	338	(D)	15	598	987	180	238
1992..	161	422	32	13	318	503	120	431
Interest	farms, 1997..	261	407	15	44	50	353	76
1992..	338	618	16	35	53	433	101	182
\$1,000, 1997..	1 423	2 504	(D)	247	799	5 567	505	313
1992..	1 397	2 907	123	212	728	4 771	390	1 462
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	186	303	9	34	25	275	47
1992..	242	467	10	26	41	368	59	93
\$1,000, 1997..	871	2 134	(D)	186	341	4 868	337	198
1992..	1 121	2 227	83	143	564	4 321	286	828
Not secured by real estate	farms, 1997..	128	196	6	16	38	131	47
1992..	136	310	13	12	23	143	52	119
\$1,000, 1997..	553	370	(D)	60	458	698	167	164
1992..	275	681	40	69	164	450	104	633
Cash rent	farms, 1997..	195	240	18	35	45	224	53
1992..	240	323	22	55	37	238	159	217
\$1,000, 1997..	723	990	24	64	1 967	2 557	818	2 936
1992..	771	1 324	37	92	1 563	2 274	1 227	3 465
Property taxes paid	farms, 1997..	881	1 136	70	161	76	1 103	219
1992..	1 018	1 215	76	172	95	1 007	254	752
\$1,000, 1997..	734	1 000	43	120	233	2 138	422	772
1992..	733	893	(D)	139	323	1 490	329	941
All other farm production expenses	farms, 1997..	769	992	56	144	77	953	1 019
1992..	964	1 108	68	141	81	908	260	672
\$1,000, 1997..	2 224	3 515	184	1 297	1 469	11 261	1 249	4 656
1992..	1 426	4 051	138	724	1 706	19 332	1 325	4 800

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Item	Warren	Washington	Watauga	Wayne	Wilkes	Wilson	Yadkin	Yancey
Total farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	282	202	674	825	1 170	384	883	606
1992..	326	228	674	902	1 140	488	968	671
\$1,000, 1997..	26 667	48 110	6 140	270 331	171 196	87 044	32 537	3 144
1992..	19 959	46 421	5 447	156 989	126 342	61 427	32 201	3 672
Average per farm	94 565	238 169	9 110	327 674	146 321	226 677	36 849	5 188
dollars, 1997..	61 223	203 599	8 082	174 045	110 826	125 876	33 266	5 473
Livestock and poultry purchased								
farms, 1997..	53	37	146	276	537	61	188	57
1992..	98	52	163	310	592	69	246	71
\$1,000, 1997..	3 748	5 334	860	51 905	25 273	8 656	2 108	367
1992..	1 559	7 107	892	31 324	26 353	4 941	2 868	176
Feed for livestock and poultry								
farms, 1997..	123	63	272	384	880	105	379	169
1992..	121	56	265	367	897	98	490	240
\$1,000, 1997..	8 612	14 046	527	124 611	116 745	12 629	8 464	199
1992..	6 120	12 468	606	63 277	67 939	7 922	8 359	239
Commercially mixed formula feeds								
farms, 1997..	56	42	162	341	670	54	197	97
1992..	63	24	64	231	480	61	237	62
\$1,000, 1997..	7 566	13 872	363	119 108	115 671	12 400	7 954	67
1992..	4 944	5 417	198	56 204	66 719	3 203	6 566	58
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees								
farms, 1997..	120	118	244	582	344	274	436	296
1992..	175	194	364	703	302	419	519	420
\$1,000, 1997..	256	2 691	303	3 706	399	4 776	1 030	84
1992..	196	1 996	99	2 281	279	1 818	732	74
Commercial fertilizer								
farms, 1997..	186	136	483	634	604	340	682	521
1992..	254	199	593	703	520	455	734	617
\$1,000, 1997..	1 043	4 835	491	7 219	1 175	5 217	3 230	370
1992..	970	3 509	488	5 935	1 171	5 117	2 927	610
Agricultural chemicals								
farms, 1997..	162	122	328	584	434	310	425	360
1992..	161	194	395	676	407	458	498	435
\$1,000, 1997..	916	4 147	195	5 845	661	5 273	1 740	130
Petroleum products								
farms, 1997..	554	2 323	106	3 665	608	4 471	1 145	113
1992..	262	189	635	794	1 080	372	852	558
\$1,000, 1997..	1 049	1 497	480	7 335	3 654	3 833	2 345	214
1992..	1 206	1 549	368	5 824	3 467	3 960	2 345	253
Gasoline and gasohol								
farms, 1997..	220	139	500	565	816	251	594	381
1992..	221	171	452	709	839	380	769	453
\$1,000, 1997..	341	375	(D)	1 761	629	845	603	108
Diesel fuel								
farms, 1997..	408	421	193	1 347	820	935	664	138
1992..	154	168	442	669	770	292	701	417
\$1,000, 1997..	218	186	506	636	752	402	698	461
1992..	228	727	135	1 781	607	1 106	719	90
Natural gas								
farms, 1997..	25	6	1	49	28	62	26	—
1992..	9	13	7	41	34	96	71	5
\$1,000, 1997..	27	17	(D)	133	340	283	60	—
1992..	54	26	1	177	196	315	260	2
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.								
farms, 1997..	185	136	300	619	711	315	551	241
1992..	233	187	269	717	784	407	638	231
\$1,000, 1997..	453	378	81	3 660	2 078	1 599	962	17
1992..	460	373	25	2 651	1 884	1 510	568	20
Electricity								
farms, 1997..	192	147	277	596	710	305	585	204
1992..	173	181	251	701	773	357	718	226
\$1,000, 1997..	510	356	91	5 033	1 750	1 965	898	58
Hired farm labor								
farms, 1997..	510	523	83	2 225	1 723	1 327	847	40
1992..	127	86	235	467	355	224	307	126
\$1,000, 1997..	164	118	170	542	349	329	376	281
1992..	3 484	3 579	937	20 880	4 446	15 358	2 889	163
Contract labor								
farms, 1997..	3 192	3 076	620	10 861	3 670	10 575	3 305	249
1992..	26	25	52	156	63	117	43	69
\$1,000, 1997..	35	36	77	112	89	103	45	89
Repair and maintenance								
farms, 1997..	682	910	106	1 883	315	1 758	371	115
1992..	52	557	81	1 385	255	1 293	374	161
\$1,000, 1997..	191	180	482	724	925	317	687	425
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment.....								
farms, 1997..	1 234	2 579	547	7 693	2 746	3 612	2 372	337
1992..	1 181	3 956	394	4 538	2 802	3 422	2 135	417
Interest								
farms, 1997..	89	115	115	409	397	203	318	117
1992..	124	117	181	503	413	239	324	141
\$1,000, 1997..	768	1 977	302	11 403	3 894	4 446	1 816	325
1992..	932	2 476	486	3 902	2 868	2 273	1 987	506
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate								
farms, 1997..	35	75	73	292	342	126	248	97
1992..	87	88	110	323	321	137	252	129
\$1,000, 1997..	512	1 125	217	6 128	3 046	2 457	1 416	275
1992..	722	1 770	351	2 402	2 405	1 263	1 541	434
Not secured by real estate								
farms, 1997..	64	66	69	249	130	118	167	35
1992..	57	71	90	302	155	161	135	36
\$1,000, 1997..	256	852	85	5 276	848	1 989	400	50
1992..	209	706	135	1 500	463	1 010	446	72
Cash rent								
farms, 1997..	80	75	106	363	238	173	207	54
1992..	123	109	137	380	290	274	319	123
\$1,000, 1997..	956	1 835	113	6 899	760	6 976	973	57
Property taxes paid								
farms, 1997..	821	1 779	197	5 367	892	6 152	1 152	81
1992..	295	208	631	846	1 088	437	928	642
\$1,000, 1997..	564	534	485	1 603	1 304	869	916	321
All other farm production expenses								
farms, 1997..	427	585	433	1 034	894	746	794	312
1992..	245	197	549	750	990	353	733	479
\$1,000, 1997..	310	218	534	826	969	471	866	509
1992..	2 668	3 095	638	12 313	7 836	10 360	2 919	370
\$1,000, 1997..	2 078	3 923	506	13 992	13 146	6 392	2 729	401