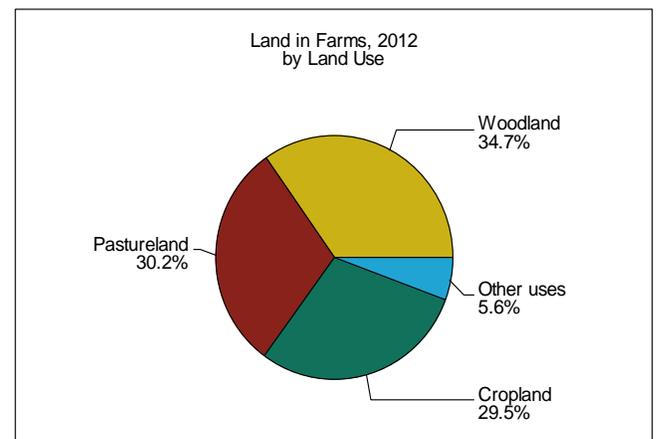
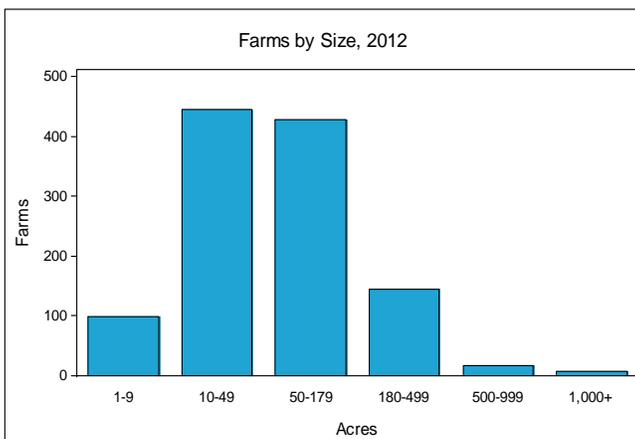


Ashe County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,140	1,125	+ 1
Land in Farms	112,462 acres	108,452 acres	+ 4
Average Size of Farm	99 acres	96 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$54,480,000	\$41,703,000	+ 31
Crop Sales \$40,553,000 (74 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$13,927,000 (26 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$47,789	\$37,070	+ 29
Government Payments	\$216,000	\$128,000	+ 69
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$1,814	\$4,406	- 59





Ashe County – North Carolina

Ranked items among the 100 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	54,480	60	100	1,702	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	40,553	36	100	1,285	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,927	63	100	1,887	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	189	91	100	2,579	2,926
Tobacco	321	57	74	245	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	813	55	99	917	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	242	40	98	993	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,248	26	97	419	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	32,454	1	50	1	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,286	37	97	1,704	3,049
Poultry and eggs	33	75	99	1,798	3,013
Cattle and calves	12,832	6	99	1,135	3,056
Milk from cows	275	34	52	1,655	2,038
Hogs and pigs	16	71	91	1,912	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	144	13	98	1,051	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	592	14	93	458	3,011
Aquaculture	1	51	58	1,149	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	33	35	95	1,647	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cut Christmas trees	14,188	1	51	2	1,557
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,810	21	98	1,477	3,057
Nursery stock crops	691	9	91	132	2,077
Corn for silage	322	30	65	1,552	2,237
Vegetables harvested, all	274	46	99	878	2,801
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	19,529	13	100	1,371	3,063
Layers	2,526	49	100	1,141	3,040
Goats, all	1,411	13	99	351	2,996
Sheep and lambs	1,148	4	95	784	2,897
Horses and ponies	910	31	100	1,313	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	262	Farming	529
\$1,000 to \$2,499	97	Other	611
\$2,500 to \$4,999	164	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	183	Male	1,021
\$10,000 to \$19,999	117	Female	119
\$20,000 to \$24,999	43	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	70	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	33	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	81	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	53	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	25	White	1,638
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	48,292	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	42,362	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	22
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,657		
Average per farm (\$)	8,471		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero.

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.