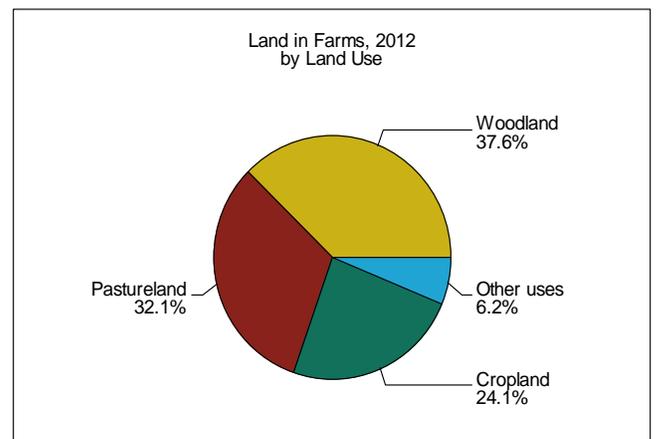
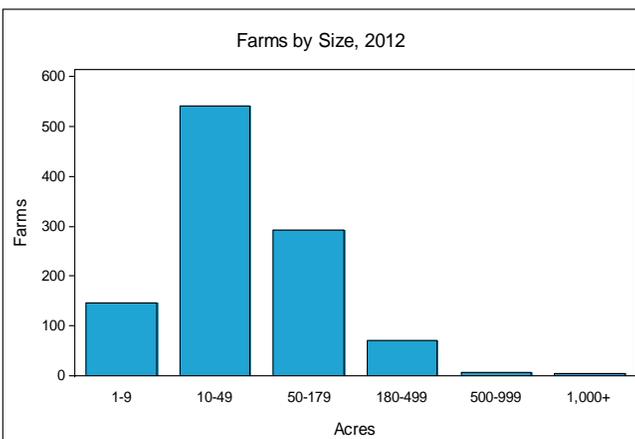


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	<b>2012</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>% change</b>
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,060	1,077	- 2
<b>Land in Farms</b>	71,480 acres	72,087 acres	- 1
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	67 acres	67 acres	0
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$54,413,000	\$37,241,000	+ 46
Crop Sales \$39,258,000 (72 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$15,155,000 (28 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$51,333	\$34,578	+ 48
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$1,481,000	\$203,000	+ 630
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,049	\$2,035	+ 296





## Buncombe County – North Carolina

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	54,413	61	100	1,705	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	39,258	37	100	1,305	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,155	61	100	1,844	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	796	84	100	2,287	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	61	74	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,361	16	99	302	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	647	18	98	614	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	3	97	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	383	66	99	1,132	3,013
Cattle and calves	7,003	16	99	1,559	3,056
Milk from cows	6,851	4	52	612	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	55	91	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	332	3	98	508	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	12	42	58	921	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	160	8	95	867	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,855	19	98	1,403	3,057
Corn for silage	1,557	7	65	899	2,237
Vegetables harvested, all	730	31	99	575	2,801
Tomatoes in the open	426	3	92	63	2,493
Corn for grain	226	88	100	2,243	2,638
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	14,838	18	100	1,602	3,063
Layers	8,015	45	100	720	3,040
Sheep and lambs	1,846	1	95	507	2,897
Goats, all	1,777	5	99	251	2,996
Horses and ponies	1,590	8	100	665	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	307	Farming	541
\$1,000 to \$2,499	163	Other	519
\$2,500 to \$4,999	180		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	177	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	105	Male	846
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	214
\$25,000 to \$39,999	37		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	9
\$500,000 or more	16	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	51,681	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	48,756	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,637
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,338	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	5,979	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	13

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.