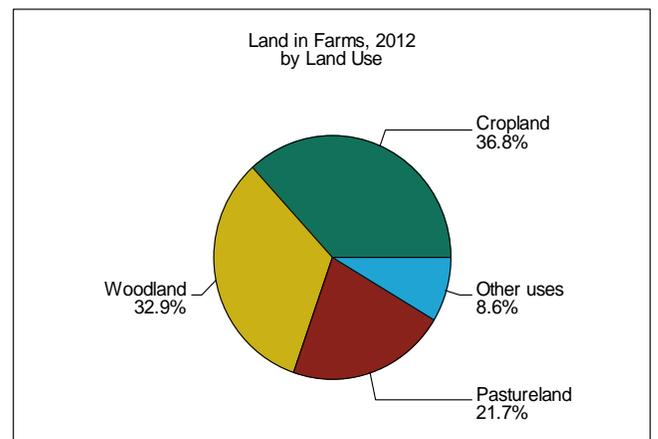
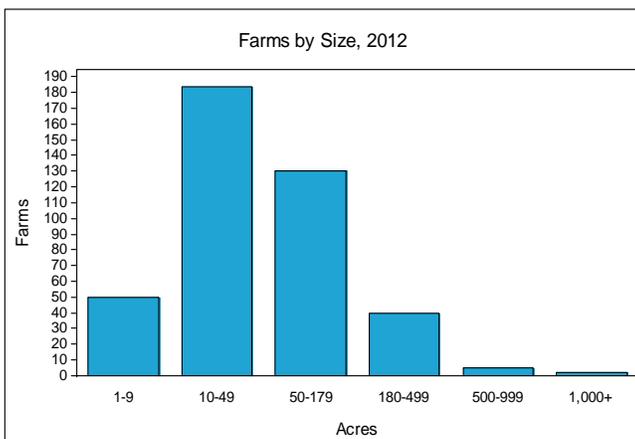


Caldwell County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	411	459	- 10
Land in Farms	32,057 acres	32,593 acres	- 2
Average Size of Farm	78 acres	71 acres	+ 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$17,794,000	\$20,751,000	- 14
Crop Sales \$9,560,000 (54 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$8,234,000 (46 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$43,295	\$45,208	- 4
Government Payments	\$145,000	\$51,000	+ 184
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,372	\$2,528	+ 112





Caldwell 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	17,794	82	100	2,438	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,560	81	100	2,122	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,234	71	100	2,227	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,535	78	100	2,127	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	430	69	99	1,158	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,897	20	97	347	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	37	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	462	71	97	2,464	3,049
Poultry and eggs	5,828	61	99	719	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,368	50	99	2,515	3,056
Milk from cows	200	39	52	1,734	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	53	91	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	156	45	93	1,468	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	32	36	95	1,676	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,107	43	98	2,073	3,057
Nursery stock crops	1,715	2	91	42	2,077
Corn for grain	1,253	67	100	1,845	2,638
Soybeans for beans	802	77	92	1,723	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	639	78	91	1,806	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	252,884	51	93	461	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	25	83	(D)	2,637
Layers	(D)	41	100	(D)	3,040
Cattle and calves	5,446	46	100	2,350	3,063
Roosters	(D)	39	69	(D)	2,120

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	120	Farming	184
\$1,000 to \$2,499	63	Other	227
\$2,500 to \$4,999	54	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Male	376
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40	Female	35
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	10	White	604
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,781	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	38,396	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,011		
Average per farm (\$)	7,326		

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.

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.