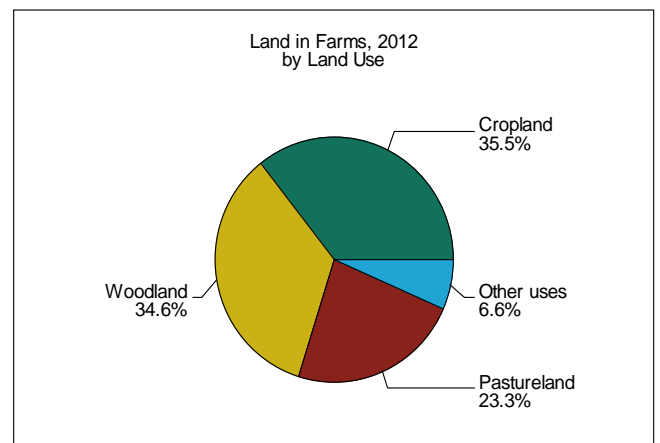
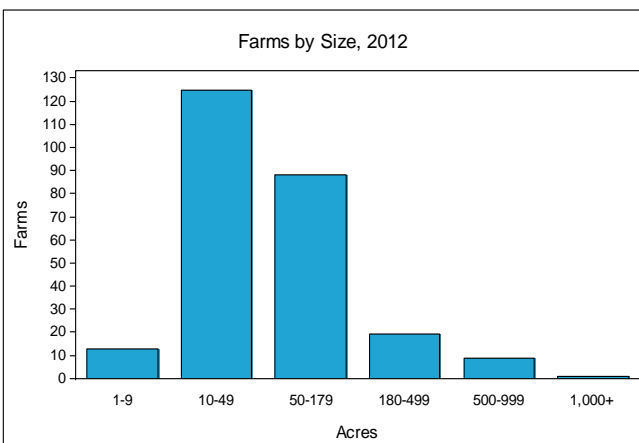


**Cherokee County
 North Carolina**

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	255	288	- 11
Land in Farms	21,453 acres	20,423 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	84 acres	71 acres	+ 18
Market Value of Products Sold			
Crop Sales (D)	(D)	(D)	
Livestock Sales (D)	(D)	(D)	
Average Per Farm	(D)	(D)	
Government Payments			
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$232,000	\$170,000	+ 36
	\$6,431	\$5,674	+ 13





Cherokee 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	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,963	84	100	2,208	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,060	82	100	2,222	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	74	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,746	19	99	326	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	75	98	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	750	70	97	1,185	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	42	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	337	77	97	2,589	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,504	36	99	2,190	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	52	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	56	91	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	34	54	98	2,154	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	11	86	93	2,809	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	40	29	95	1,552	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,295	52	98	2,305	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	1,067	26	99	455	2,801
Collards	900	1	66	3	535
Rye for grain	600	7	55	82	950
Corn for grain	541	79	100	2,064	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	7	100	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	9	83	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	4,777	49	100	2,419	3,063
Goats, all	509	50	99	1,230	2,996
Horses and ponies	358	58	100	2,378	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	74	Farming	139
\$1,000 to \$2,499	40	Other	116
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Male	226
\$10,000 to \$19,999	25	Female	29
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	Black or African American	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	9	White	342
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,395	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	83,901	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,090		
Average per farm (\$)	16,039		

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.