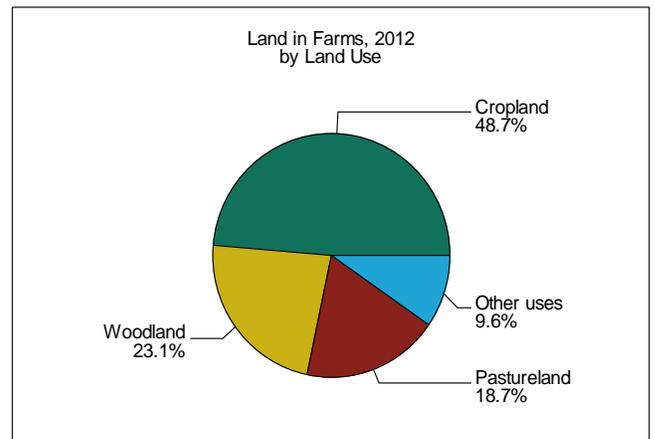
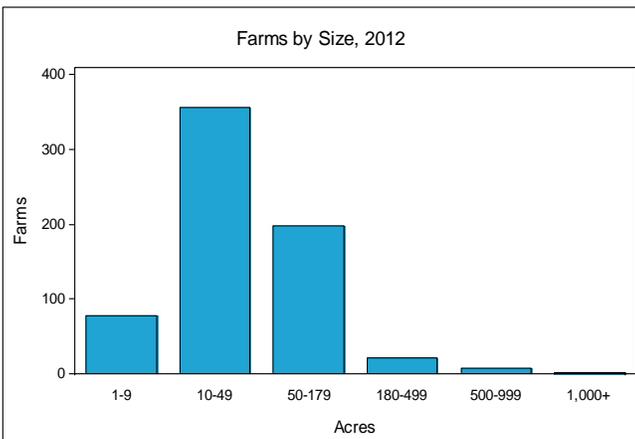


**Forsyth County
 North Carolina**

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	662	680	- 3
Land in Farms	40,467 acres	43,593 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	61 acres	64 acres	- 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$16,094,000	\$17,094,000	- 6
Crop Sales \$14,368,000 (89 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$1,726,000 (11 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$24,311	\$25,138	- 3
Government Payments	\$254,000	\$133,000	+ 91
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,490	\$1,440	+ 73





Forsyth 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	16,094	86	100	2,481	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,368	72	100	1,893	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,726	84	100	2,792	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,466	70	100	1,986	2,926
Tobacco	7,942	30	74	54	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	685	60	99	982	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	344	31	98	851	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,350	46	97	707	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	17	25	50	796	1,530
Other crops and hay	564	66	97	2,338	3,049
Poultry and eggs	32	76	99	1,807	3,013
Cattle and calves	818	59	99	2,668	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	52	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	9	78	91	2,155	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	106	25	98	1,303	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	685	13	93	396	3,011
Aquaculture	42	35	58	761	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	34	33	95	1,638	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,807	33	98	1,860	3,057
Soybeans for beans	4,404	63	92	1,316	2,162
Tobacco	1,833	31	74	58	437
Wheat for grain, all	1,659	66	91	1,436	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	1,659	66	91	1,367	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	3,843	52	100	2,510	3,063
Layers	2,418	50	100	1,163	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,366	15	100	821	3,072
Goats, all	1,148	18	99	464	2,996
Colonies of bees	600	10	95	518	2,761

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	216	Farming	335
\$1,000 to \$2,499	112	Other	327
\$2,500 to \$4,999	92	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	107	Male	542
\$10,000 to \$19,999	55	Female	120
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	Black or African American	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	10	White	948
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,344	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	32,242	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-700		
Average per farm (\$)	-1,057		

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.