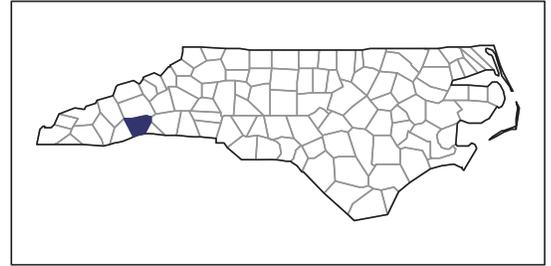


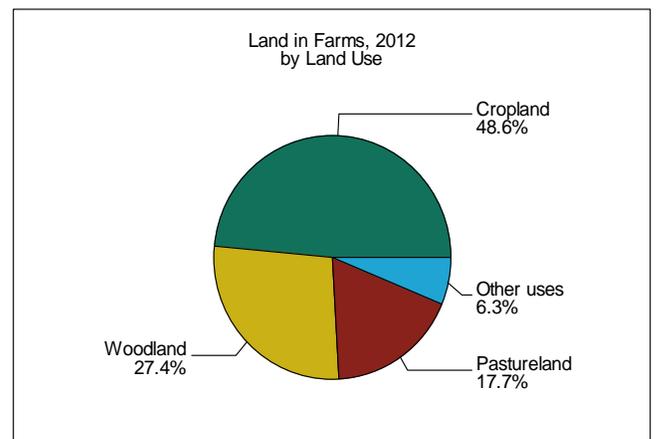
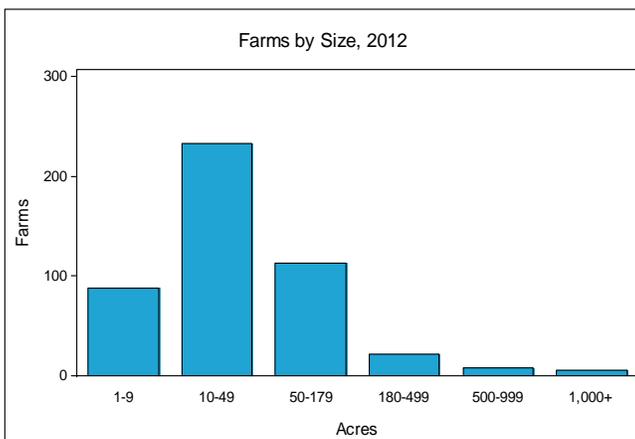
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Henderson County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	468	557	- 16
Land in Farms	35,752 acres	37,947 acres	- 6
Average Size of Farm	76 acres	68 acres	+ 12
Market Value of Products Sold	\$61,841,000	\$62,325,000	- 1
Crop Sales \$54,193,000 (88 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,648,000 (12 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$132,139	\$111,894	+ 18
Government Payments	\$1,427,000	\$668,000	+ 114
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$34,804	\$13,641	+ 155





Henderson 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	61,841	52	100	1,614	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	54,193	29	100	1,101	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,648	74	100	2,268	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,851	68	100	1,943	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	74	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	8,435	12	99	238	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	11,563	2	98	136	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	30,659	2	97	103	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	7	32	50	1,045	1,530
Other crops and hay	678	63	97	2,219	3,049
Poultry and eggs	45	72	99	1,659	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,707	43	99	2,405	3,056
Milk from cows	5,589	7	52	681	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	83	91	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	123	20	98	1,188	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	165	42	93	1,410	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	53	58	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	14	56	95	2,054	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,574	51	98	2,261	3,057
Apples	3,881	1	78	18	2,167
Corn for grain	2,555	57	100	1,641	2,638
Vegetables harvested, all	1,583	19	99	372	2,801
Sod harvested	(D)	2	39	(D)	690
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,180	48	100	2,379	3,063
Layers	1,639	55	100	1,463	3,040
Goats, all	743	35	99	796	2,996
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	684	61	93	1,098	2,723
Horses and ponies	584	47	100	1,871	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	104	Farming	244
\$1,000 to \$2,499	75	Other	224
\$2,500 to \$4,999	60		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	37	Male	405
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Female	63
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	33	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	13	Asian	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	56,057	Black or African American	4
Average per farm (\$)	119,779	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	708
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,776	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	25,162	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	3

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.