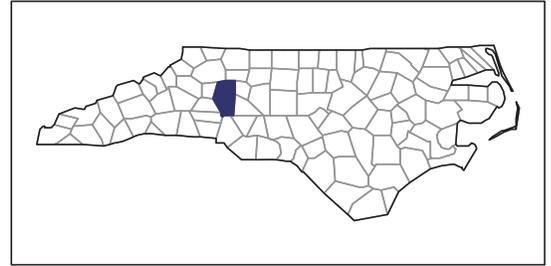


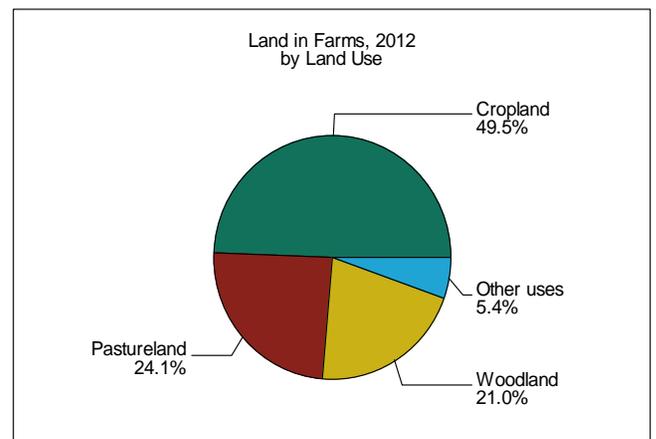
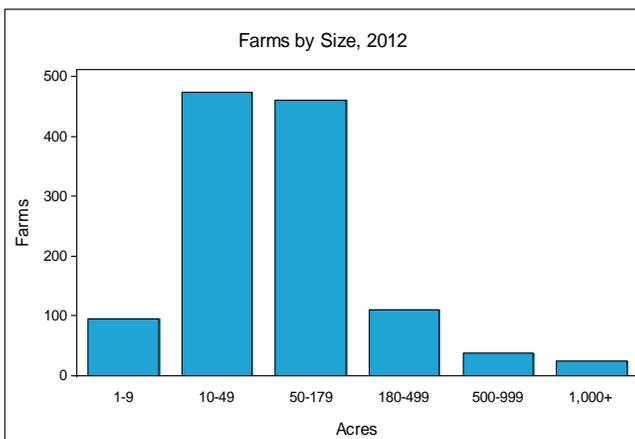
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Iredell County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,203	1,201	0
<b>Land in Farms</b>	152,385 acres	138,416 acres	+ 10
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	127 acres	115 acres	+ 10
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$165,928,000	\$117,574,000	+ 41
Crop Sales \$37,242,000 (22 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$128,687,000 (78 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$137,929	\$97,897	+ 41
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$1,528,000	\$578,000	+ 164
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,054	\$3,590	+ 180





## Iredell 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	165,928	24	100	702	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	37,242	39	100	1,335	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	128,687	21	100	340	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	27,307	22	100	1,118	2,926
Tobacco	708	52	74	202	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	565	63	99	1,054	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,406	24	97	411	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	30	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,785	20	97	1,044	3,049
Poultry and eggs	61,294	23	99	207	3,013
Cattle and calves	13,458	5	99	1,099	3,056
Milk from cows	52,944	1	52	160	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	77	91	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	61	38	98	1,773	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	843	7	93	304	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	54	58	1,284	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	76	19	95	1,235	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	28,375	1	98	653	3,057
Soybeans for beans	20,465	28	92	915	2,162
Corn for grain	11,620	25	100	1,145	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	9,898	25	91	685	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	9,898	25	91	598	2,480
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	1,003,508	3	100	94	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	537,753	3	83	49	2,637
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	286,072	50	93	452	2,723
Roosters	136,083	1	69	4	2,120
Cattle and calves	49,395	1	100	510	3,063

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	277	Farming	673
\$1,000 to \$2,499	127	Other	530
\$2,500 to \$4,999	158	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	164	Male	1,045
\$10,000 to \$19,999	131	Female	158
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	56	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45	Asian	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	38	Black or African American	21
\$250,000 to \$499,999	76	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	81	White	1,738
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	142,349	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	118,328	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	23
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	29,235		
Average per farm (\$)	24,302		

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.