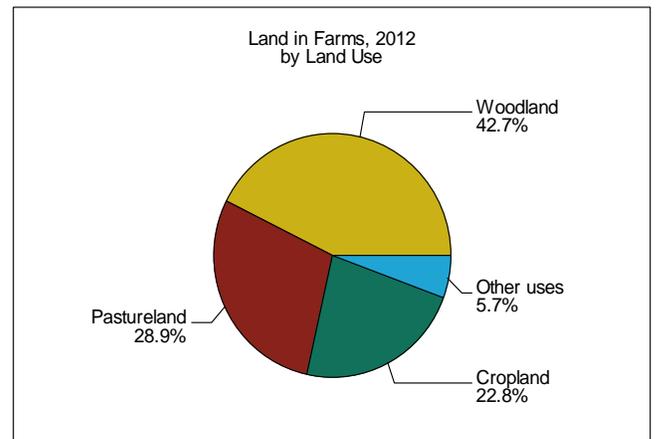
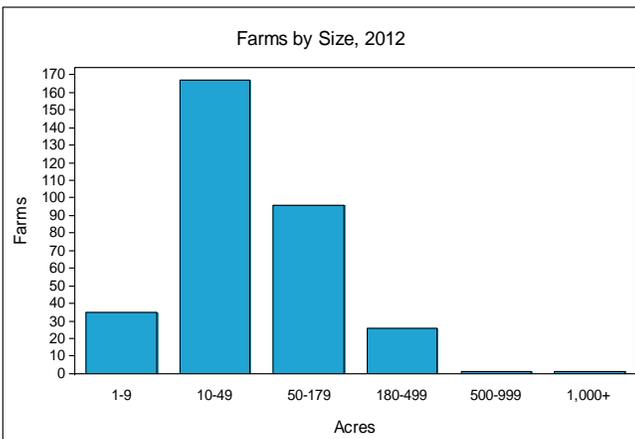


**Macon County  
 North Carolina**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>% change</b>
<b>Number of Farms</b>	326	346	- 6
<b>Land in Farms</b>	22,684 acres	21,133 acres	+ 7
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	70 acres	61 acres	+ 15
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$5,638,000	\$5,589,000	+ 1
Crop Sales \$2,027,000 (36 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,611,000 (64 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$17,295	\$16,154	+ 7
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$91,000	\$10,000	+ 810
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$2,849	\$686	+ 315





## Macon 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	5,638	94	100	2,817	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,027	96	100	2,717	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,611	78	100	2,593	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	419	89	100	2,436	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	74	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	58	58	633	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	517	66	99	1,087	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	480	78	97	1,373	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	11	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	299	81	97	2,642	3,049
Poultry and eggs	39	73	99	1,715	3,013
Cattle and calves	883	57	99	2,652	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	52	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	15	72	91	1,939	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	23	69	98	2,384	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	3	58	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	37	31	95	1,594	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,474	56	98	2,442	3,057
Corn for grain	459	80	100	2,097	2,638
Cut Christmas trees	157	12	51	335	1,557
Vegetables harvested, all	113	73	99	1,213	2,801
Cotton, all	(D)	56	58	612	635
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,751	59	100	2,640	3,063
Layers	1,059	65	100	1,818	3,040
Horses and ponies	348	60	100	2,400	3,072
Colonies of bees	294	21	95	742	2,761
Goats, all	288	66	99	1,850	2,996

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	91	Farming	138
\$1,000 to \$2,499	44	Other	188
\$2,500 to \$4,999	71	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53	Male	293
\$10,000 to \$19,999	34	Female	33
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	2	White	489
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	(D)	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	(D)	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	12
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-295		
Average per farm (\$)	-906		

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.