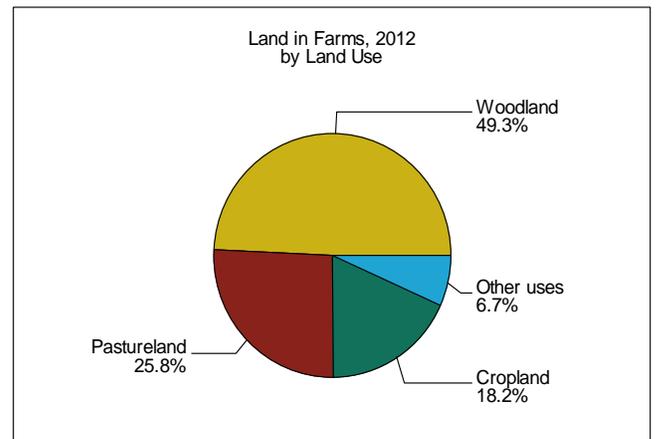
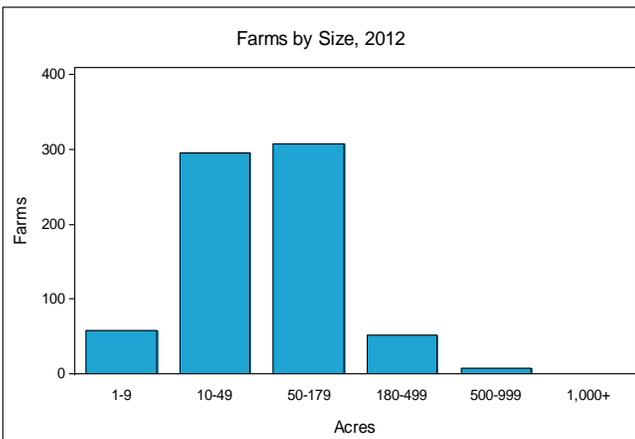


**Madison County
 North Carolina**

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	719	801	- 10
Land in Farms	56,282 acres	66,734 acres	- 16
Average Size of Farm	78 acres	83 acres	- 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$5,652,000	\$7,859,000	- 28
Crop Sales \$3,815,000 (67 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$1,837,000 (33 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$7,861	\$9,812	- 20
Government Payments	\$859,000	\$120,000	+ 616
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,449	\$1,502	+ 130





Madison 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	5,652	93	100	2,815	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,815	93	100	2,515	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,837	82	100	2,778	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	124	93	100	2,635	2,926
Tobacco	293	58	74	251	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,031	46	99	823	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	177	54	98	1,138	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,249	59	97	974	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	196	10	50	162	1,530
Other crops and hay	745	62	97	2,149	3,049
Poultry and eggs	122	68	99	1,346	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,459	48	99	2,484	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	52	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	56	59	91	1,411	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	139	15	98	1,084	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	42	64	93	2,371	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	50	58	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	54	95	2,002	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,417	46	98	2,163	3,057
Cut Christmas trees	253	8	51	215	1,557
Nursery stock crops	194	29	91	394	2,077
Vegetables harvested, all	183	54	99	1,013	2,801
Corn for grain	110	92	100	2,348	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	57	93	(D)	2,723
Cattle and calves	5,917	45	100	2,305	3,063
Layers	3,427	46	100	963	3,040
Sheep and lambs	1,267	2	95	712	2,897
Goats, all	923	29	99	628	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	236	Farming	276
\$1,000 to \$2,499	136	Other	443
\$2,500 to \$4,999	112	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	105	Male	633
\$10,000 to \$19,999	80	Female	86
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	White	986
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	(D)	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	(D)	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-605		
Average per farm (\$)	-841		

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.