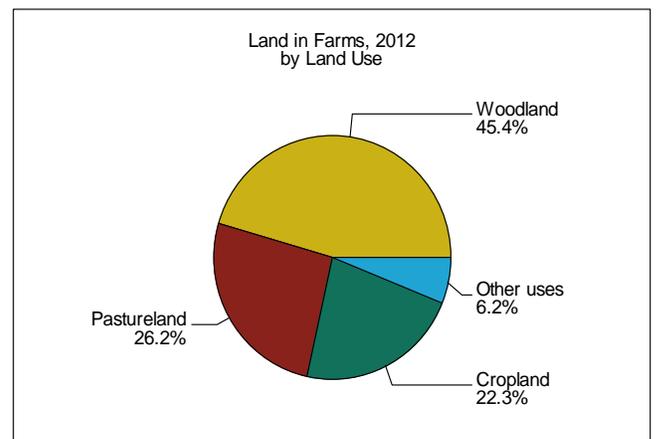
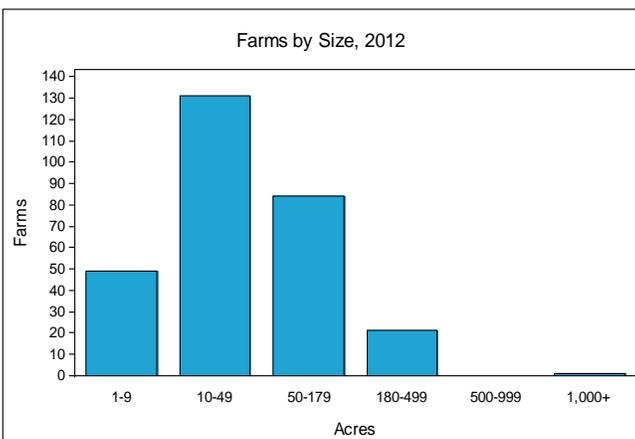


**Mitchell County
 North Carolina**

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	286	314	- 9
Land in Farms	19,322 acres	22,787 acres	- 15
Average Size of Farm	68 acres	73 acres	- 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$2,489,000	\$3,568,000	- 30
Crop Sales \$2,001,000 (80 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$488,000 (20 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$8,703	\$11,363	- 23
Government Payments	\$119,000	\$178,000	- 33
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,045	\$6,606	- 54





Mitchell 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	2,489	97	100	2,950	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,001	97	100	2,725	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	488	92	100	2,959	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	36	97	100	2,752	2,926
Tobacco	42	67	74	349	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	148	91	99	1,662	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	242	41	98	994	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	391	83	97	1,471	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	862	6	50	38	1,530
Other crops and hay	280	83	97	2,672	3,049
Poultry and eggs	5	94	99	2,585	3,013
Cattle and calves	400	72	99	2,823	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	50	52	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	50	46	98	1,917	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	8	90	93	2,863	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	58	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	4	82	95	2,561	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,773	74	98	2,749	3,057
Cut Christmas trees	1,011	6	51	45	1,557
Nursery stock crops	121	37	91	503	2,077
Apples	55	7	78	421	2,167
Vegetables harvested, all	52	87	99	1,592	2,801
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,484	74	100	2,806	3,063
Layers	559	76	100	2,308	3,040
Goats, all	357	59	99	1,630	2,996
Horses and ponies	252	76	100	2,649	3,072
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	156	71	93	1,820	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	93	Farming	106
\$1,000 to \$2,499	32	Other	180
\$2,500 to \$4,999	54	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	38	Male	254
\$10,000 to \$19,999	39	Female	32
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	White	416
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	(D)	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	(D)	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	(D)		
Average per farm (\$)	(D)		

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.