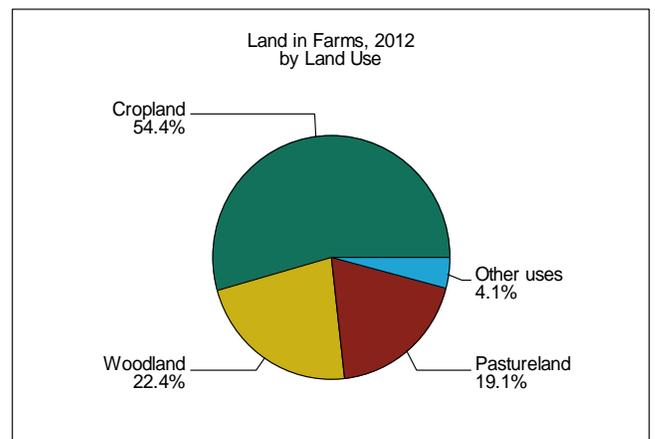
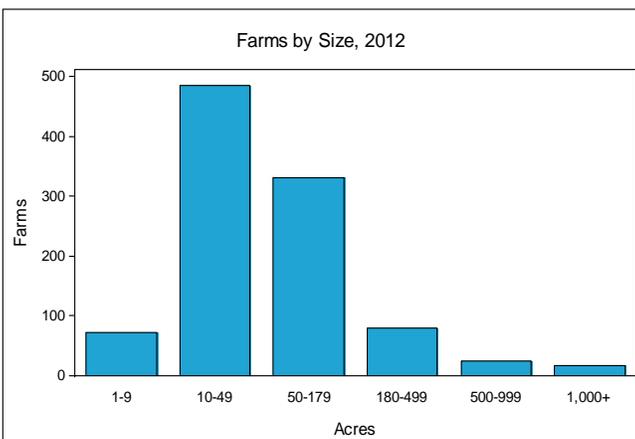


**Rowan County
 North Carolina**

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,011	983	+ 3
Land in Farms	121,145 acres	115,942 acres	+ 4
Average Size of Farm	120 acres	118 acres	+ 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$83,981,000	\$59,864,000	+ 40
Crop Sales \$50,770,000 (60 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$33,211,000 (40 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$83,067	\$60,900	+ 36
Government Payments	\$458,000	\$1,012,000	- 55
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,603	\$5,656	- 36





Rowan 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	83,981	43	100	1,329	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	50,770	31	100	1,154	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	33,211	45	100	1,219	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	28,939	20	100	1,092	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	74	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,237	10	98	436	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	33	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,809	27	97	1,422	3,049
Poultry and eggs	19,513	46	99	452	3,013
Cattle and calves	7,938	12	99	1,482	3,056
Milk from cows	5,117	10	52	708	2,038
Hogs and pigs	51	60	91	1,441	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	131	19	98	1,146	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	379	19	93	736	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	58	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	83	15	95	1,197	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	25,430	23	92	847	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,753	4	98	1,038	3,057
Corn for grain	12,503	23	100	1,130	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	9,761	28	91	690	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	9,761	28	91	603	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	879,412	39	93	324	2,723
Layers	51,595	33	100	481	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	30	83	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	18,475	14	100	1,420	3,063
Roosters	4,713	33	69	286	2,120

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	272	Farming	366
\$1,000 to \$2,499	150	Other	645
\$2,500 to \$4,999	153	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	138	Male	888
\$10,000 to \$19,999	106	Female	123
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	42	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	21	Black or African American	12
\$250,000 to \$499,999	29	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	31	White	1,464
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	73,471	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	72,672	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	13
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	13,721		
Average per farm (\$)	13,572		

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.