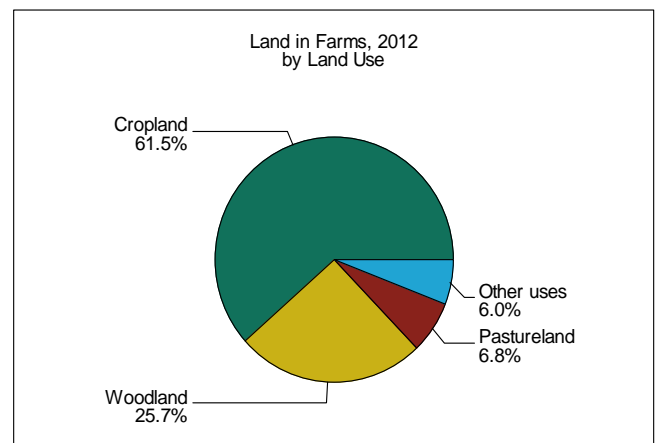
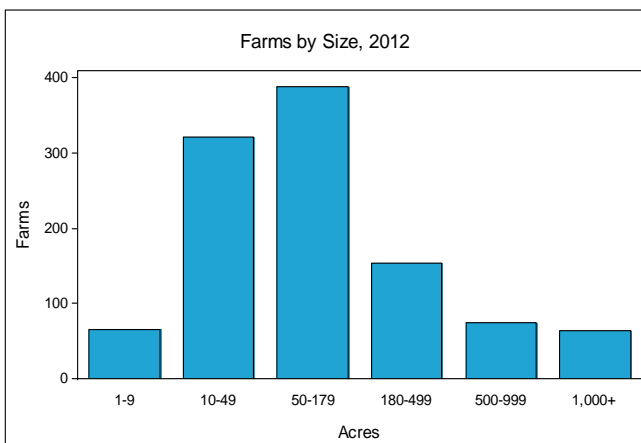


Sampson County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,067	1,203	- 11
Land in Farms	291,635 acres	321,454 acres	- 9
Average Size of Farm	273 acres	267 acres	+ 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$1,258,793,000	\$1,196,332,000	+ 5
Crop Sales \$223,102,000 (18 percent) Livestock Sales \$1,035,690,000 (82 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$1,179,750	\$994,457	+ 19
Government Payments	\$3,373,000	\$6,793,000	- 50
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,886	\$11,081	- 47





Sampson 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	1,258,793	2	100	21	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	223,102	1	100	184	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,035,690	2	100	12	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	66,772	5	100	680	2,926
Tobacco	45,948	4	74	4	436
Cotton and cottonseed	16,553	7	58	108	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	73,385	1	99	40	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	3	98	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	23	97	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	7,439	12	97	399	3,049
Poultry and eggs	499,791	2	99	3	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	7	99	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	518,361	2	91	2	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	135	18	98	1,116	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	324	25	93	854	3,011
Aquaculture	228	16	58	483	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	21	50	95	1,891	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	58,514	7	92	529	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	34,903	4	91	333	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	34,903	4	91	241	2,480
Corn for grain	28,925	6	100	823	2,638
Cotton, all	21,572	7	58	129	635
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	6,124,036	7	93	71	2,723
Turkeys	4,774,844	1	80	1	2,416
Hogs and pigs	1,858,801	1	94	1	2,889
Pullets for laying flock replacement	287,343	8	83	118	2,637
Layers	259,994	16	100	231	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	139	Farming	589
\$1,000 to \$2,499	58	Other	478
\$2,500 to \$4,999	70	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	93	Male	982
\$10,000 to \$19,999	80	Female	85
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	46	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	57	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	73	Black or African American	82
\$250,000 to \$499,999	50	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	370	White	1,360
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	939,630	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	880,628	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	32
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	328,133		
Average per farm (\$)	307,528		

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.