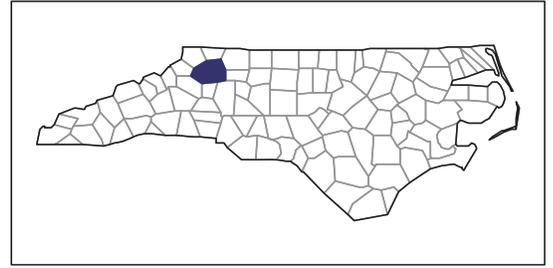


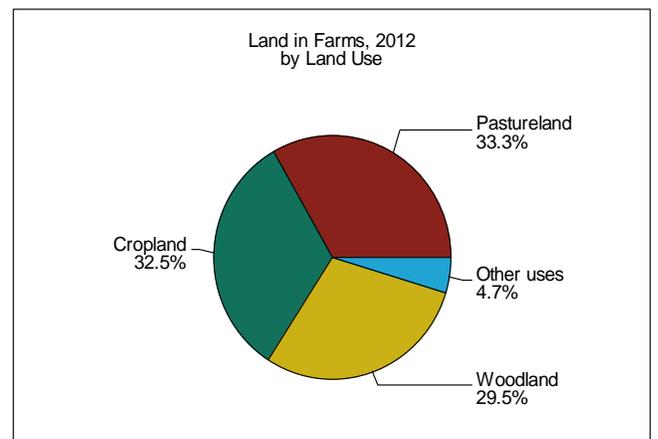
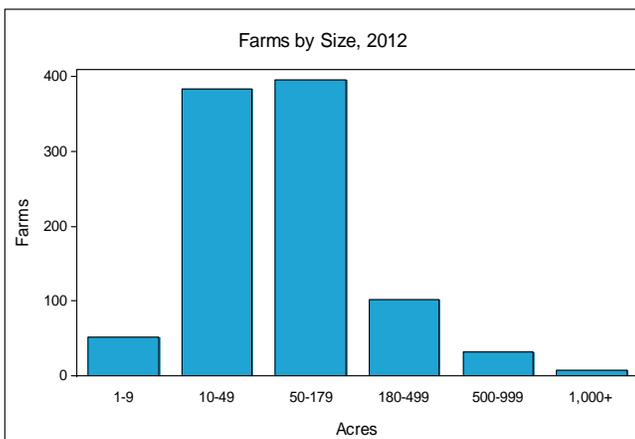
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Wilkes County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	972	1,095	- 11
Land in Farms	111,118 acres	109,970 acres	+ 1
Average Size of Farm	114 acres	100 acres	+ 14
Market Value of Products Sold	\$284,932,000	\$389,831,000	- 27
Crop Sales \$18,716,000 (7 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$266,216,000 (93 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$293,140	\$356,010	- 18
Government Payments	\$329,000	\$419,000	- 21
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,142	\$10,747	- 52





Wilkes 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	284,932	8	100	306	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,716	61	100	1,742	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	266,216	5	100	111	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	10,906	52	100	1,483	2,926
Tobacco	2,744	41	74	122	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	240	85	99	1,425	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,233	11	98	438	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,504	53	97	889	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	61	16	50	422	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,028	25	97	1,339	3,049
Poultry and eggs	230,727	4	99	27	3,013
Cattle and calves	29,906	1	99	527	3,056
Milk from cows	4,732	13	52	734	2,038
Hogs and pigs	23	67	91	1,743	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	363	2	98	469	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	434	18	93	651	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	58	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	31	37	95	1,686	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,373	5	98	1,059	3,057
Corn for grain	7,151	35	100	1,314	2,638
Corn for silage	4,867	2	65	378	2,237
Soybeans for beans	1,507	73	92	1,605	2,162
Tobacco	601	44	74	126	437
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	10,084,077	3	93	31	2,723
Layers	355,496	10	100	193	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	348,630	7	83	84	2,637
Roosters	42,416	6	69	44	2,120
Cattle and calves	40,017	3	100	690	3,063

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	197	Farming	492
\$1,000 to \$2,499	86	Other	480
\$2,500 to \$4,999	124	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	156	Male	905
\$10,000 to \$19,999	109	Female	67
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	50	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	25	Black or African American	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	128	White	1,363
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	241,619	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	248,579	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	46,753		
Average per farm (\$)	48,099		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero.

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.