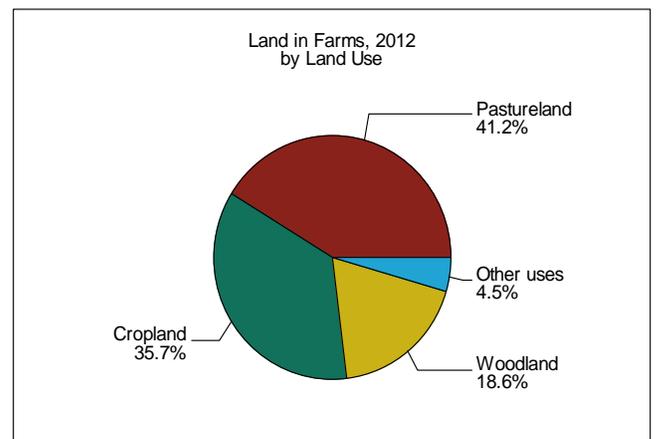
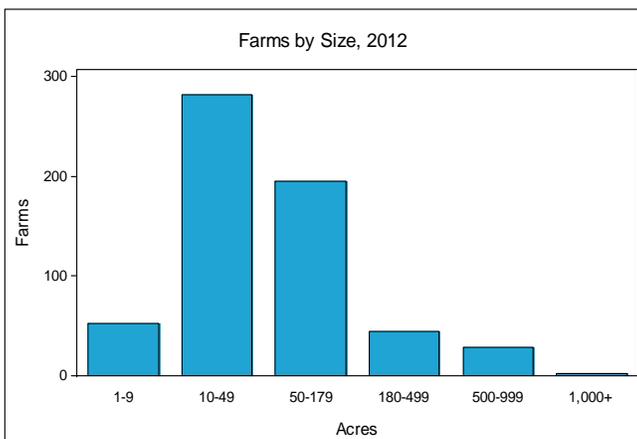


Alexander County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	603	627	- 4
Land in Farms	58,668 acres	54,959 acres	+ 7
Average Size of Farm	97 acres	88 acres	+ 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$187,670,000	\$111,957,000	+ 68
Crop Sales \$10,812,000 (6 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$176,858,000 (94 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$311,228	\$178,560	+ 74
Government Payments	\$177,000	\$224,000	- 21
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,319	\$4,300	0





Alexander 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	187,670	19	100	592	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,812	79	100	2,046	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	176,858	12	100	216	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,977	67	100	1,931	2,926
Tobacco	3,207	39	74	108	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	52	58	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	887	52	99	881	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	12	98	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,802	52	97	808	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	913	55	97	2,003	3,049
Poultry and eggs	155,573	9	99	57	3,013
Cattle and calves	15,548	4	99	987	3,056
Milk from cows	5,618	6	52	680	2,038
Hogs and pigs	5	79	91	2,326	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	27	62	98	2,280	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	72	57	93	2,075	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	58	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	14	57	95	2,056	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,358	26	98	1,596	3,057
Soybeans for beans	3,458	64	92	1,383	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	1,495	70	91	1,483	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	1,495	70	91	1,416	2,480
Corn for grain	1,446	64	100	1,805	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	5,598,896	9	93	81	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	1,189,655	1	83	14	2,637
Layers	794,045	5	100	124	3,040
Roosters	82,231	3	69	14	2,120
Cattle and calves	23,921	6	100	1,175	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	136	Farming	321
\$1,000 to \$2,499	51	Other	282
\$2,500 to \$4,999	82	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	59	Male	506
\$10,000 to \$19,999	44	Female	97
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8	Black or African American	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	55	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	111	White	878
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	151,770	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	251,692	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	37,191		
Average per farm (\$)	61,676		

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.