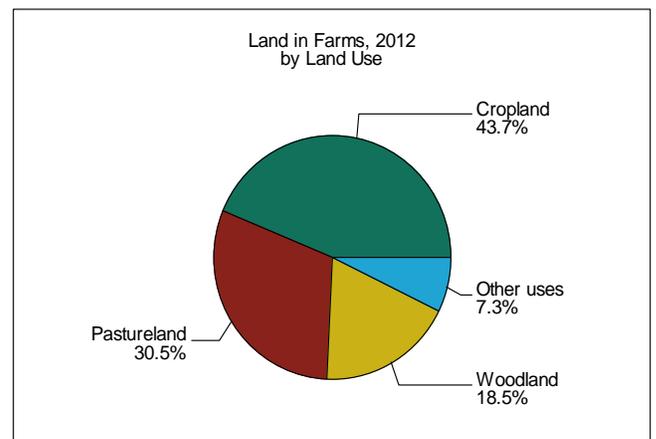
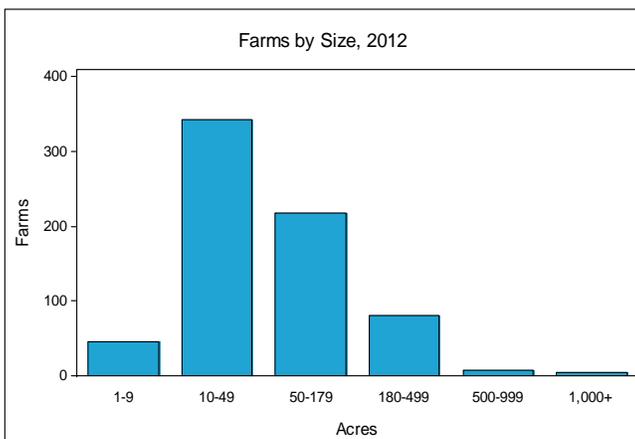


Catawba County North Carolina

| | 2012 | 2007 | % change |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 698 | 737 | - 5 |
| Land in Farms | 67,098 acres | 71,906 acres | - 7 |
| Average Size of Farm | 96 acres | 98 acres | - 2 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$67,308,000 | \$30,521,000 | + 121 |
| Crop Sales \$19,810,000 (29 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$47,499,000 (71 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$96,430 | \$41,413 | + 133 |
| Government Payments | \$447,000 | \$456,000 | - 2 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$3,988 | \$3,680 | + 8 |





Catawba 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 | 67,308 | 49 | 100 | 1,526 | 3,077 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 19,810 | 59 | 100 | 1,708 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 47,499 | 38 | 100 | 933 | 3,076 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 9,640 | 54 | 100 | 1,532 | 2,926 |
| Tobacco | - | - | 74 | - | 436 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 58 | - | 635 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 2,406 | 32 | 99 | 557 | 2,802 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 208 | 50 | 98 | 1,069 | 2,724 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 6,748 | 21 | 97 | 353 | 2,678 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | - | - | 50 | - | 1,530 |
| Other crops and hay | 808 | 59 | 97 | 2,093 | 3,049 |
| Poultry and eggs | 41,407 | 33 | 99 | 279 | 3,013 |
| Cattle and calves | 3,516 | 28 | 99 | 2,037 | 3,056 |
| Milk from cows | 1,628 | 22 | 52 | 1,098 | 2,038 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | 76 | 91 | 2,105 | 2,827 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk | 51 | 43 | 98 | 1,898 | 2,988 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 859 | 6 | 93 | 298 | 3,011 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | 52 | 58 | 1,212 | 1,366 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 27 | 44 | 95 | 1,762 | 2,924 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 11,266 | 22 | 98 | 1,508 | 3,057 |
| Soybeans for beans | 9,627 | 53 | 92 | 1,123 | 2,162 |
| Wheat for grain, all | 4,908 | 48 | 91 | 988 | 2,537 |
| Winter wheat for grain | 4,908 | 48 | 91 | 912 | 2,480 |
| Corn for grain | 3,496 | 53 | 100 | 1,530 | 2,638 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 2,228,260 | 18 | 93 | 200 | 2,723 |
| Layers | 69,547 | 29 | 100 | 437 | 3,040 |
| Cattle and calves | 13,326 | 21 | 100 | 1,704 | 3,063 |
| Roosters | 7,269 | 25 | 69 | 232 | 2,120 |
| Horses and ponies | 1,247 | 17 | 100 | 920 | 3,072 |

Other County Highlights, 2012

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales: | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 200 | Farming | 292 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 96 | Other | 406 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 74 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 103 | Male | 590 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 73 | Female | 108 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 24 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 59.7 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 26 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 18 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 3 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 17 | Asian | 22 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 20 | Black or African American | 7 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 7 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 40 | White | 996 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 59,992 | More than one race | 2 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 85,948 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 9 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 9,203 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 13,185 | | |

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.