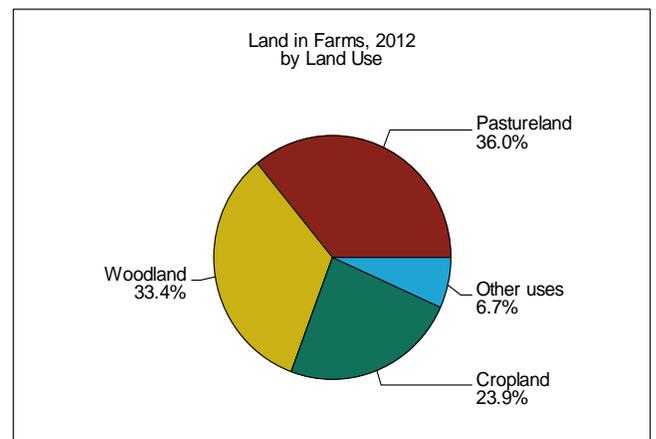
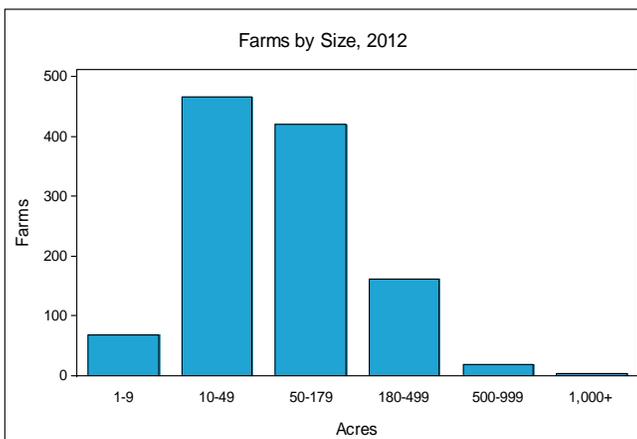


Chatham County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,138	1,089	+ 4
Land in Farms	111,778 acres	104,171 acres	+ 7
Average Size of Farm	98 acres	96 acres	+ 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$163,909,000	\$171,749,000	- 5
Crop Sales \$9,001,000 (5 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$154,908,000 (95 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$144,032	\$157,713	- 9
Government Payments	\$546,000	\$530,000	+ 3
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,140	\$3,959	+ 5





Chatham 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	163,909	26	100	718	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,001	83	100	2,152	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	154,908	14	100	251	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,383	71	100	2,001	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	46	74	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	869	54	99	890	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,450	45	97	691	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	40	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,195	43	97	1,769	3,049
Poultry and eggs	121,874	12	99	93	3,013
Cattle and calves	24,111	2	99	678	3,056
Milk from cows	4,031	16	52	783	2,038
Hogs and pigs	3,168	42	91	662	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	4	98	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,103	3	93	220	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	55	58	1,293	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	311	6	95	571	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,332	10	98	1,231	3,057
Soybeans for beans	1,717	72	92	1,572	2,162
Corn for grain	1,667	62	100	1,772	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	982	73	91	1,663	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	982	73	91	1,594	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,653,596	16	93	137	2,723
Layers	268,711	14	100	228	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	174,240	12	83	177	2,637
Cattle and calves	38,420	4	100	728	3,063
Pheasants	(D)	1	23	(D)	963

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	237	Farming	514
\$1,000 to \$2,499	126	Other	624
\$2,500 to \$4,999	135		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	181	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	156	Male	907
\$20,000 to \$24,999	43	Female	231
\$25,000 to \$39,999	64		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	33	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$500,000 or more	87	Asian	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	150,138	Black or African American	22
Average per farm (\$)	131,931	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,695
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	17,820	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	15,659	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	16

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.