

AVERY COUNTY, NC

Information based on Congressional districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	429	274	280
Acreage	27,037	19,712	20,826
Average size (acres)	63	72	74
Median size (acres)	35	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	201,317	176,730	104,957
Machinery/equip (dollars)	29,327	25,255	24,893
Cropland (acres)			
Total	14,377	8,063	8,115
Harvested	9,328	4,529	3,337
Irrigated	588	178	101
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	16,907	6,241	4,495
(dollars avg. per farm)	39,411	22,776	16,054
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	15,127	5,640	7,155
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	1,490	1,500	1,799
Beefcows	D	786	808
Milk cows	D	24	17
Hogs and pigs	26	24	8
Sheep and lambs	D	D	191
Layers 13 wks or older	D	246	238
Broilers and chicken (sold)	0	0	0
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Corn, grain or seed	D	D	D
Corn, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	0	0	0
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflowerseed	N	N	N
Cotton	0	0	0
Tobacco	138	184	145
Soybeans	0	0	0
Dry edible beans, excl m'ns	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	N	N	N
Sugarbeets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	0	0	0
Hay-alalfa	1,213	1,415	1,351
Vegetables			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

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Orchards			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-W withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture