

## BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NC

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

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	1,009	1,097	1,200
Acreage	87,382	93,584	103,876
Average size (acres)	87	85	87
Median size (acres)	36	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	322,623	301,302	170,749
Machinery/equip (dollars)	23,271	20,365	13,832
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	36,102	39,513	39,565
Harvested	14,883	16,367	18,216
Irrigated	672	361	354
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	34,413	22,249	19,307
(dollars avg. per farm)	34,106	20,281	16,090
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	4,457	4,209	2,065
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	18,528	22,963	20,161
Beef cows	8,165	8,201	6,900
Milk cows	2,434	3,906	4,625
Hogs and pigs	126	349	475
Sheep and lambs	774	642	710
Layers 13 wks or older	1,173	1,099	1,378
Broilers and chicken (sold)	D	D	0
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Com, grain or seed	538	235	625
Com, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	0	D	D
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	0	0	0
Tobacco	1,182	1,444	1,314
Soybeans	0	0	0
Dry edible beans, excl lin as	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweet potatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	0	0	0
Hay-alfalfa	11,423	11,148	10,905
<b>Vegetables</b>			
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