

CHEROKEE COUNTY, NC

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

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	243	220	267
Acreage	24,533	23,929	27,100
Average size (acres)	101	109	101
Median size (acres)	48	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	241,072	208,459	147,494
Machinery/equip (dollars)	27,017	35,733	20,808
Cropland (acres)			
Total	9,951	9,293	9,779
Harvested	4,137	4,627	4,924
Irrigated	181	86	244
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	12,611	10,972	10,794
(dollars avg. per farm)	51,899	49,871	40,425
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	4,219	4,357	8,041
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	5,017	5,028	4,324
Beef cows	2,432	2,429	1,582
Milk cows	390	360	426
Hogs and pigs	330	362	465
Sheep and lambs	D	D	28
Layers 13 wks or older	D	D	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	0	0	0
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Corn, grain or seed	618	958	903
Corn, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	D	0	0
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflowerseed	N	N	N
Cotton	0	0	0
Tobacco	81	70	47
Soybeans	D	D	D
Dry edible beans, excl mung beans	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweet potatoes	N	N	N
Sugarbeets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	0	0	0
Hay-alalfa	3,050	2,892	3,248
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