

W ATAUGA COUNTY, NC

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

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	674	673	747
Acreage	56,508	46,726	54,157
Average size (acres)	84	69	72
Median size (acres)	38	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	259,563	147,169	135,987
Machinery/equip (dollars)	24,037	17,184	12,181
Cropland (acres)			
Total	24,042	23,386	21,859
Harvested	8,336	6,087	6,350
Irrigated	60	55	176
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	11,641	7,557	8,496
(dollars avg. per farm)	17,272	11,228	11,374
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	5,315	3,197	2,183
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	11,186	10,207	9,800
Beef cows	4,126	4,066	3,356
Milk cows	166	195	481
Hogs and pigs	21	48	D
Sheep and lambs	207	302	315
Layers 13 wks or older	358	D	871
Broilers and chicken (sold)	D	D	1,466,000
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Com, grain or seed	D	36	211
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	657	779	648
Soybeans	D	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	5,363	4,714	4,730
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