



The Latest Numbers on North Carolina Agriculture

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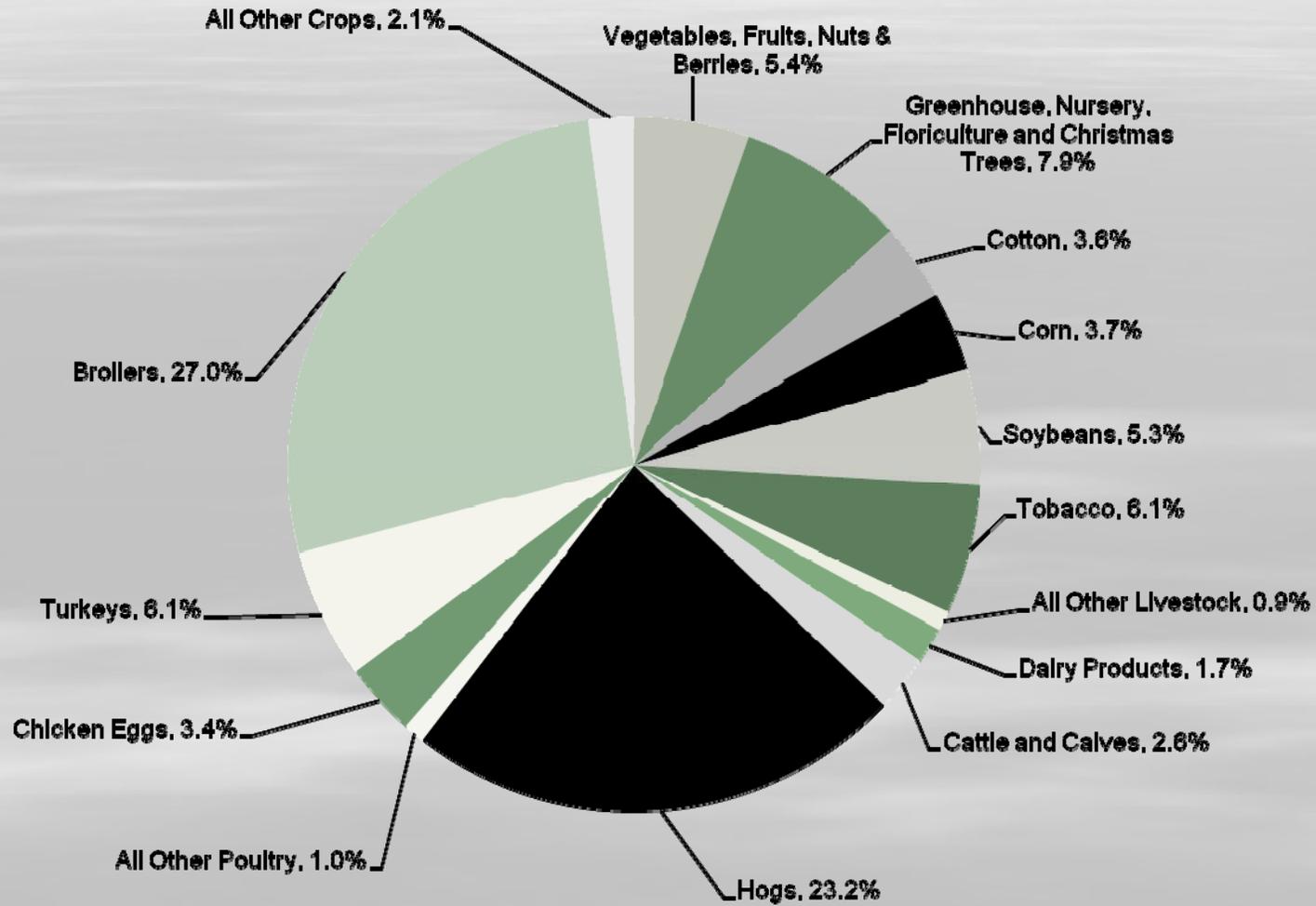
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Source of Farm Cash Receipts, North Carolina, 2010
\$9,659,415,000

Crops
34.1%

Livestock,
Dalry &
Poultry
65.9%



North Carolina Rankings

■ First

- Tobacco
- Sweet Potatoes

■ Second

- All Poultry/Eggs
- Christmas Tree \$
- Hogs
- Turkeys
- Trout



■ Third

- Strawberries
- Processing Cucumbers

■ Fourth

- Bell Peppers
- Nursery/Greenhouse
- Cotton

■ Fifth

- Broilers
- Peanuts
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Net Returns per Farm



Sales Category

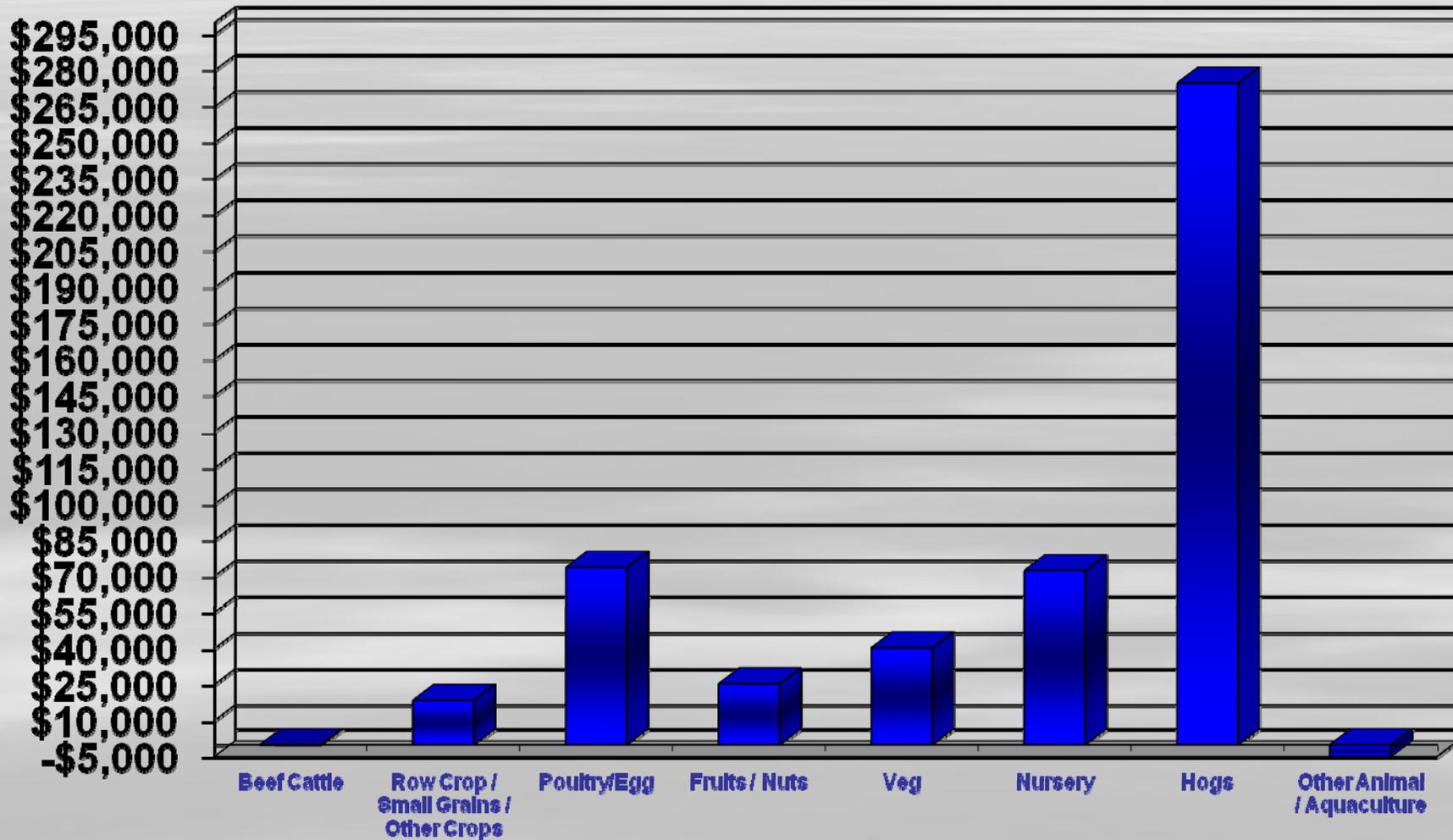
of Farms

Gain/Loss

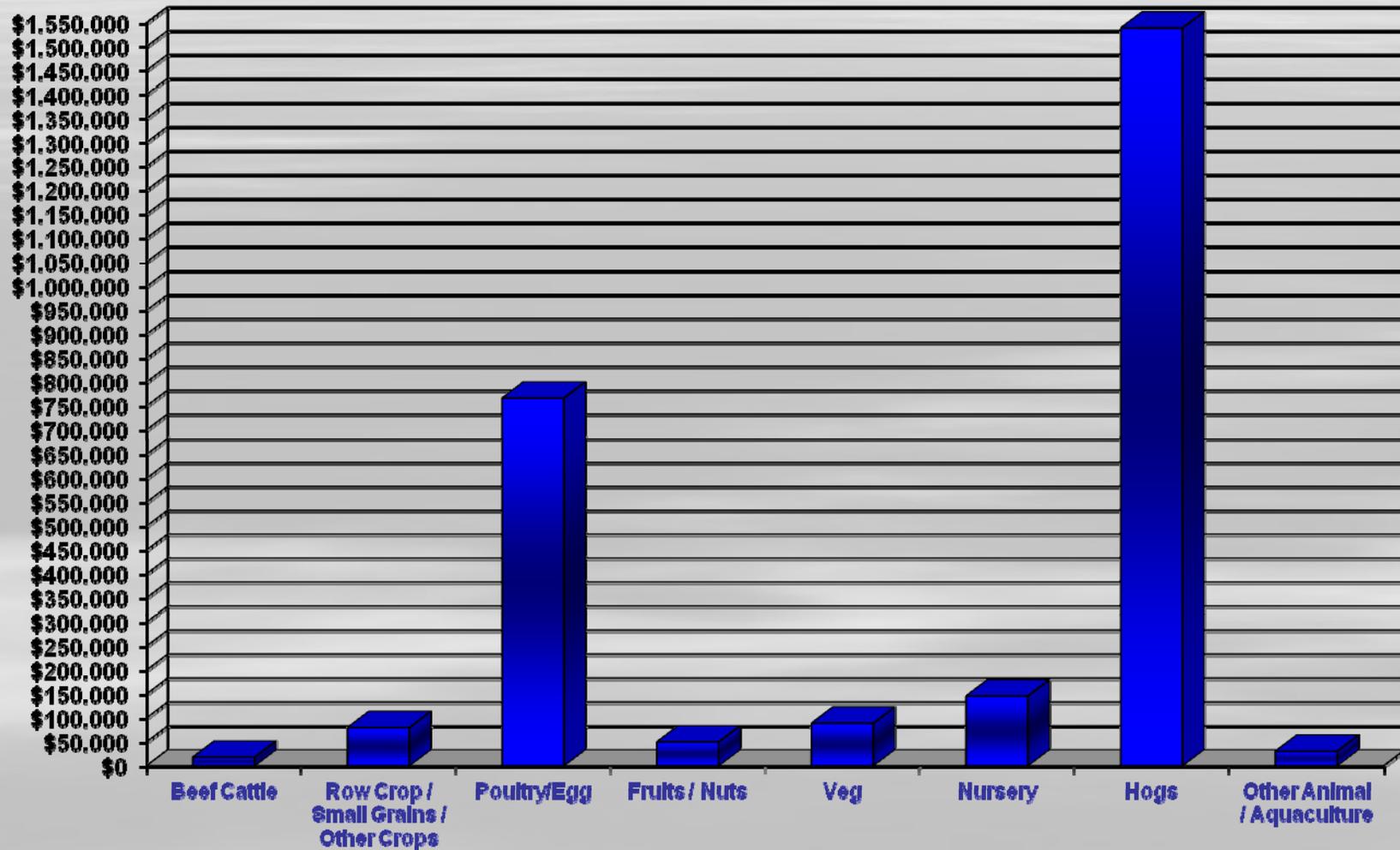
■ \$ 1,000,000 +	2,796	\$411,976	Gain
■ 500,000 – 999,999	1,810	93,436	Gain
■ 250,000 – 499,999	1,866	57,608	Gain
■ 100,000 – 249,000	1,854	38,260	Gain
■ 50,000 - 99,999	1,718	10,456	Gain
■ 25,000 - 49,999	2,765	9,473	Gain
■ 10,000 - 24,999	5,828	1,287	Gain
■ 5,000 - 9,999	5,805	2,373	Loss
■ 2,500 - 4,999	5,863	3,339	Loss
■ 1,000 - 2,499	6,753	4,618	Loss
■ Less than 1,000	15,855	6,087	Loss

Net Returns by Farm Type or Enterprise

Net Returns per Farm

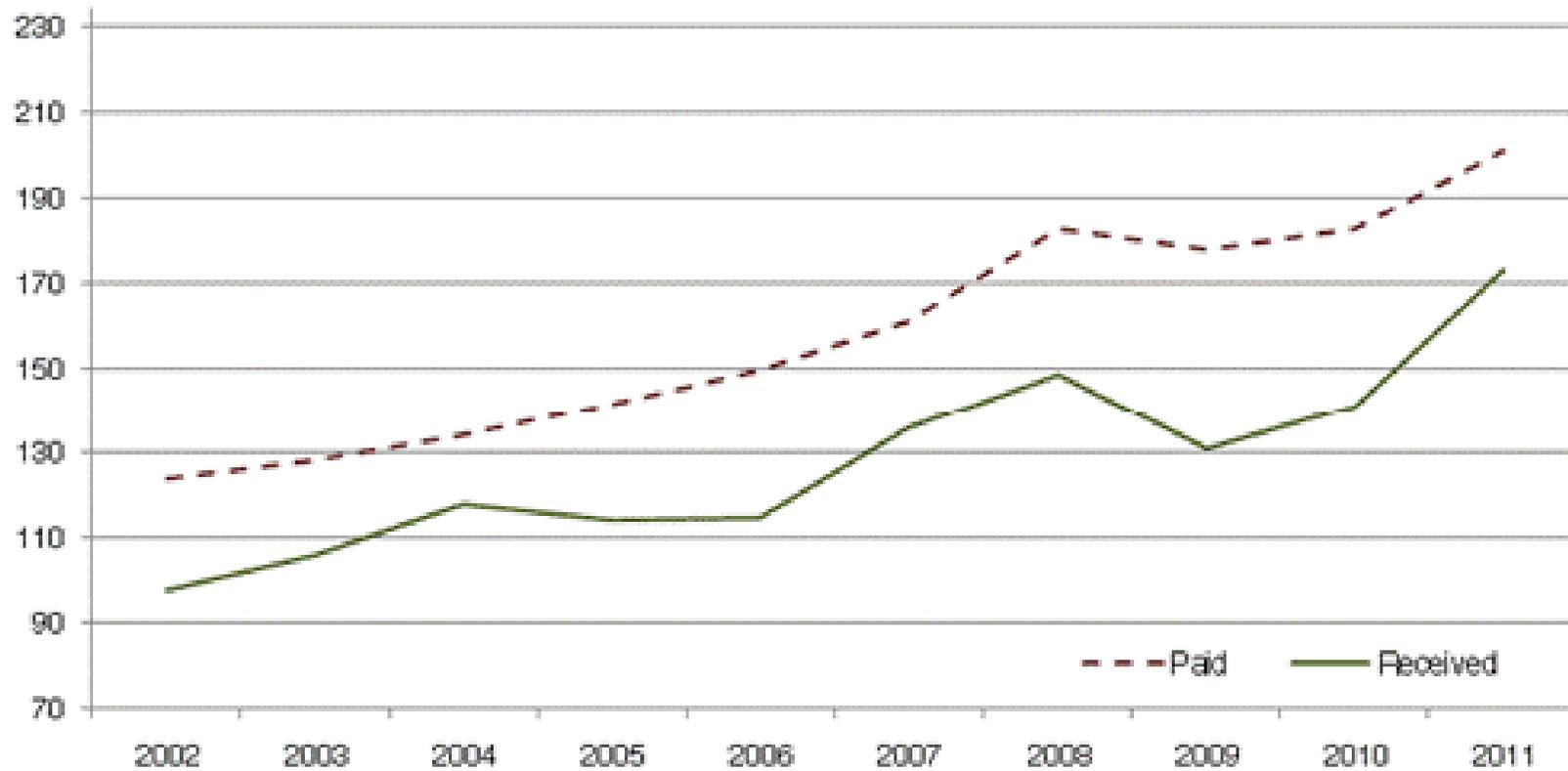


Expenses per Farm



Received and Paid Indexes, Annual Average – United States: 1990-1992=100

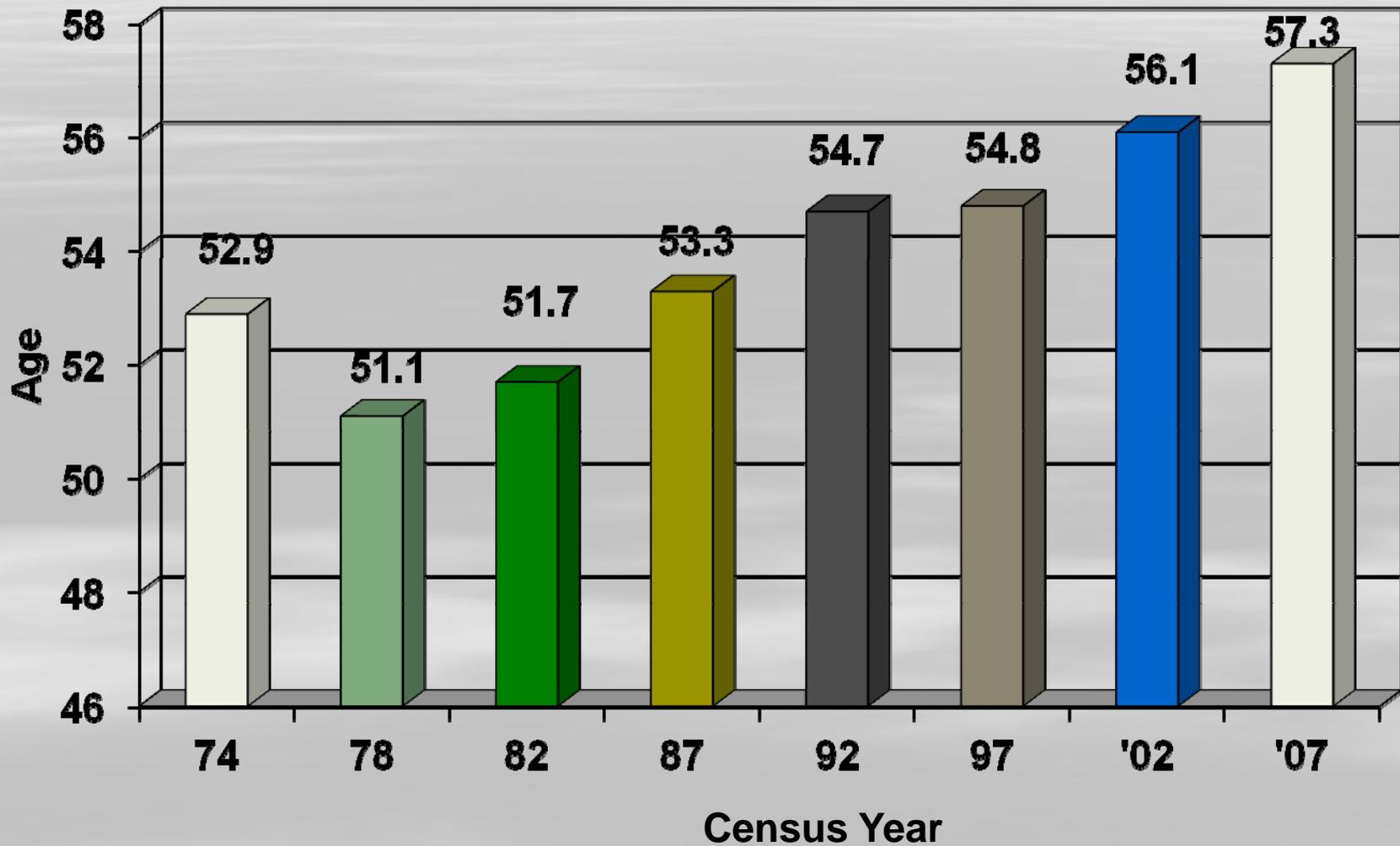
Percent



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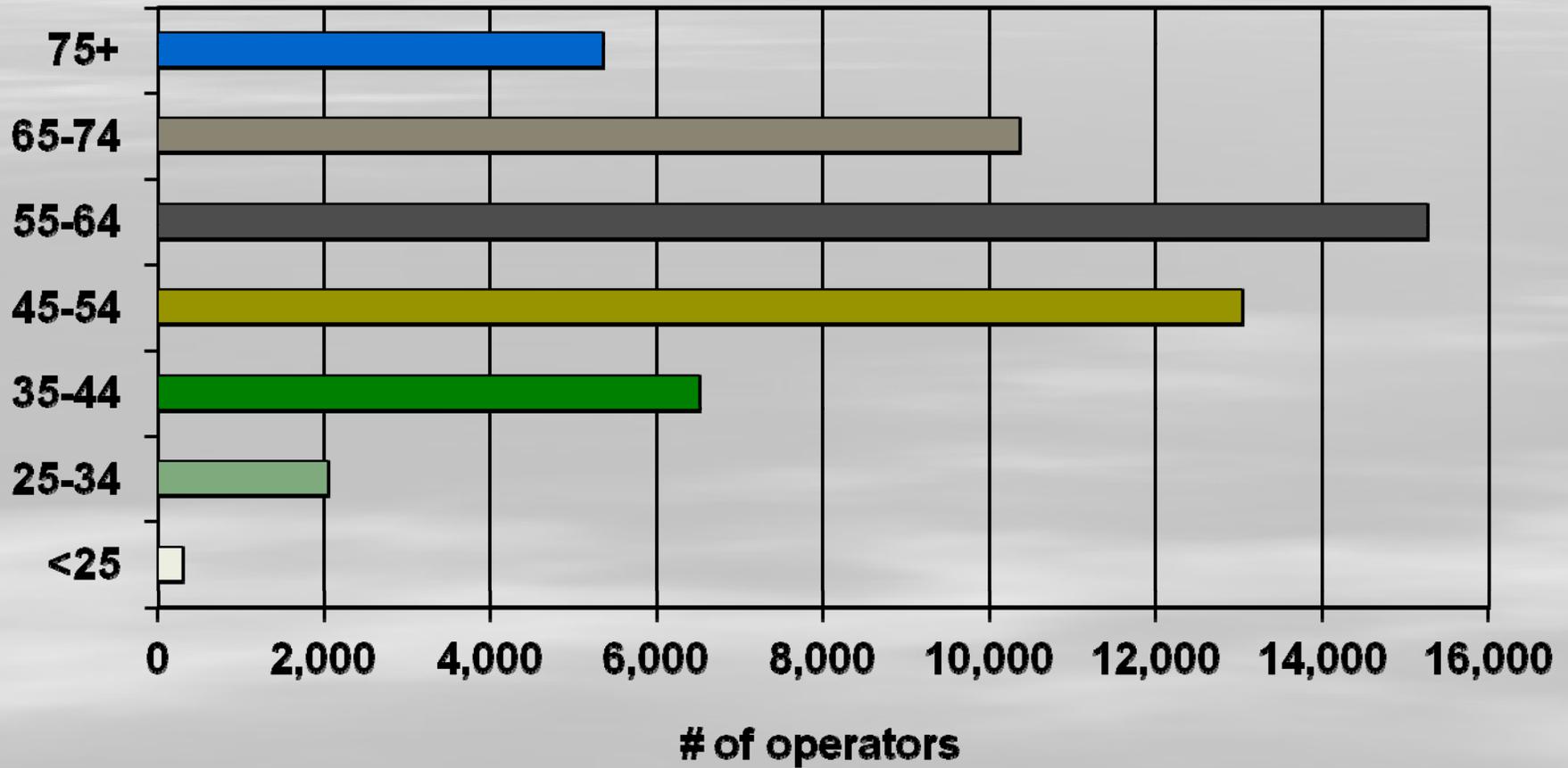
Farm Demographics

Average Age of Principal Operator



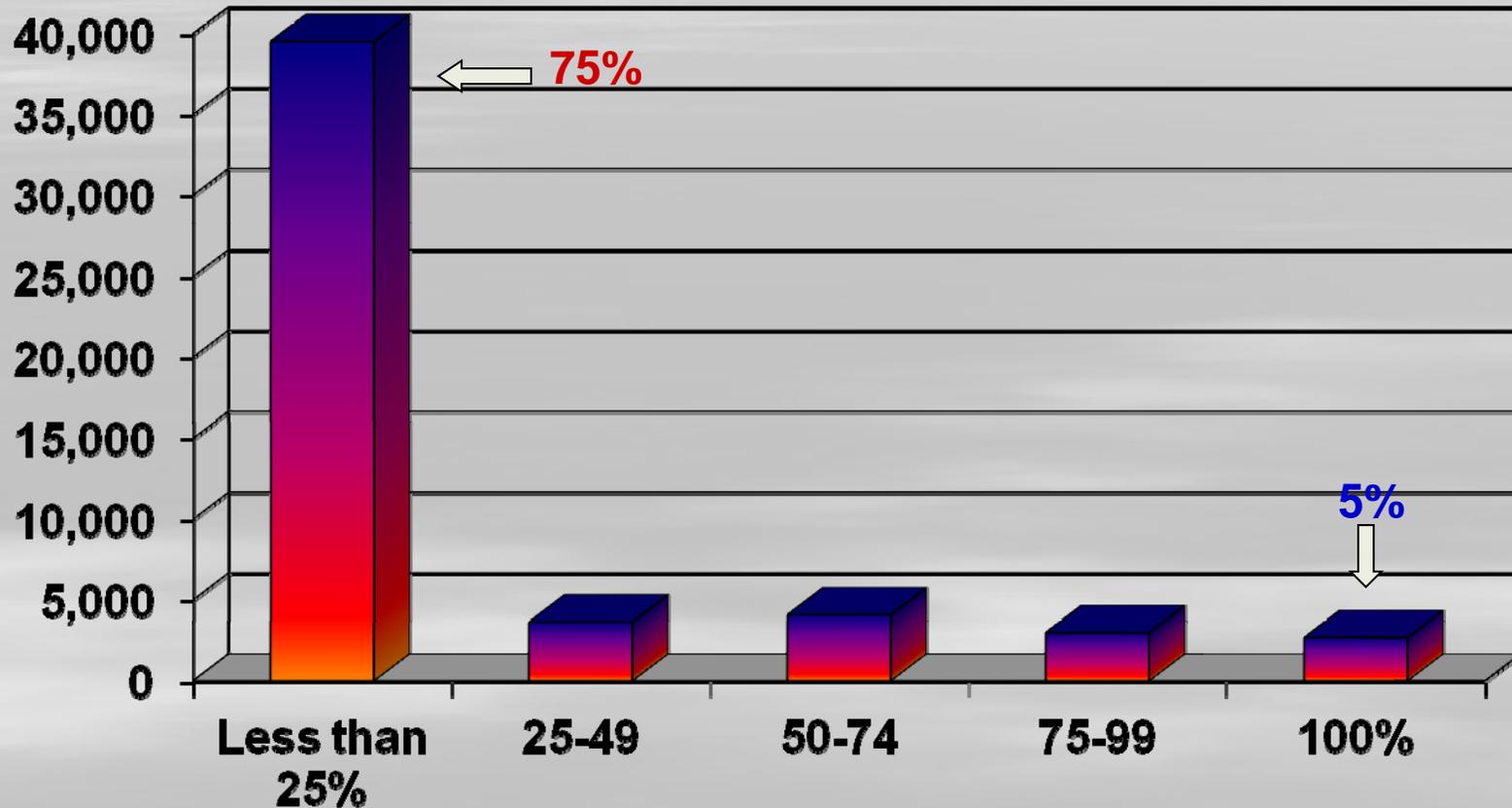
Age Groups – 2007

Principal Operator



Percent of Operator's Total Income from Farming

of Operators

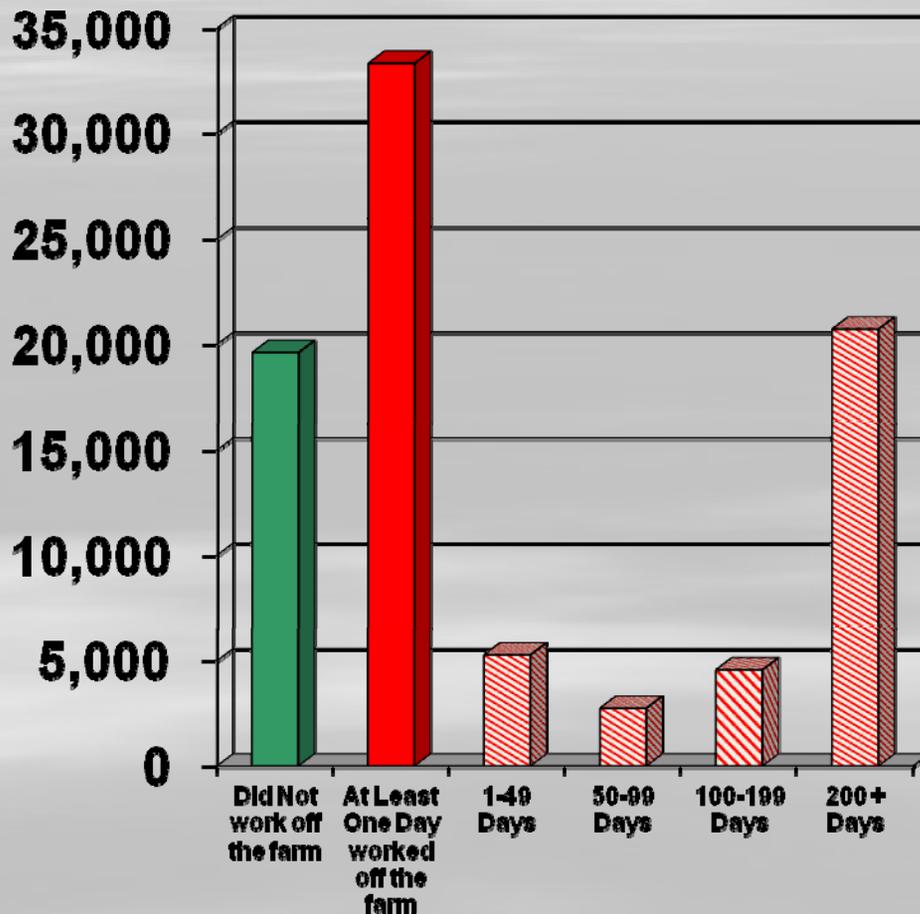


% of Total Income

Days Worked off the Farm

Principal Operator

of operators



- 63% of primary operators worked off the farm
- Of those working off the farm, 62% worked 200 days or more, essentially full time job

2011 Weather Events

- Drought and Extremely High Temps Weigh Heavily on Field Crops (except wheat), Non-irrigated Fruits and Veggies
- Hurricane Irene Hits Tobacco Crop Hard – harvest was about 40% complete
 - Aug Yield Forecast before storm – 2150 lbs/ac
 - Sept Yield Forecast after storm – 1650 lbs/ac
- Cotton – estimated 100 lbs/ac loss
- Corn – Poor crop before, worse now

Weather Impact Cont'd

- Non-irrigated vegetables
 - Size and quality a concern
 - Examples – watermelons, sweet potatoes
- Verdict still out
 - Other field crops – peanuts, soybeans
 - Blueberries, other Eastern NC fruits/veggies

Surveys in the Works

- Apple and Blueberry Fruit Chemical Usage
 - This Fall
- Consumer Local Food Demand
- Consumer Wine
- Annual Ag Water Use
- NCSU River Basin – High Rock
 - Nutrient Data

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