

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



ABBEVILLE SOUTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 89,935 acres in 1992 to 81,245 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 183 acres in 1992 to 172 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 169 farms in 1992 to 153 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

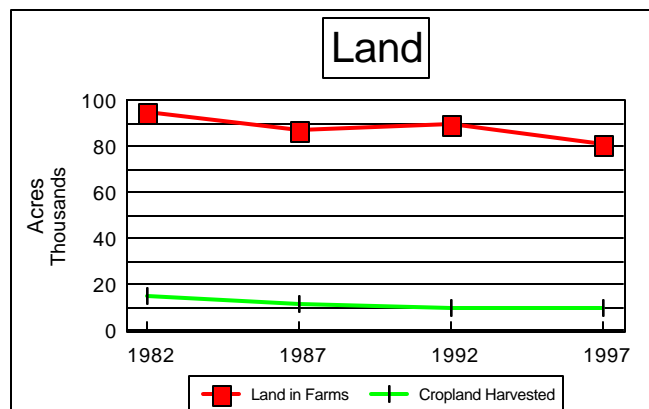
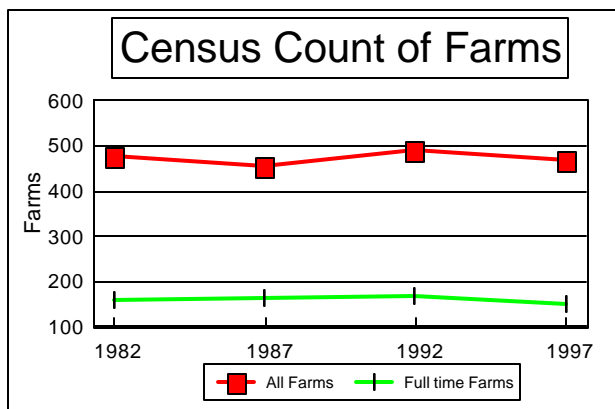
Increased 24 percent to \$8,289,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$13,642 in 1992 to \$17,599 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	8,289	42	46	2,598	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	6,845	27	46	2,146	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,444	42	46	2,615	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	26	46	703	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,722	9	46	1,924	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	29	46	979	2,790
Dairy products	990	13	31	1,423	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	308	19	46	2,050	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	15	36	587	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,774	9	46	1,815	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	167	40	46	2,450	2,976
All goats sold	141	25	46	699	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	114	3	34	1,963	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	10	46	328	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	16,794	9	46	1,708	3,064
All goat inventory	651	10	46	331	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	307	28	46	2,186	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	280	25	45	1,353	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,738	15	46	1,833	3,061
Wheat-acres	374	39	45	1,984	2,612
All nursery-acres	(D)	16	46	685	2,619
Oats-acres	151	32	43	1,495	2,332
Land in orchards-acres	150	19	46	858	2,693

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	372	380	-2
\$10,000 or more	99	111	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	6,912	6,550	6
Average per farmdollars..	14,674	13,313	10
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	598	(851)	170
Average per farmdollars..	1,269	(1,731)	173
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	433	440	-2
Partnership or corporation	35	44	-20
Other	3	7	-57
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	153	169	-9
Other	318	322	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	438	456	-4
Female	33	35	-6
Operators by race:			
White	449	472	-5
Black and other races	22	19	16
Average age of operator	56.1	56.9	-1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.