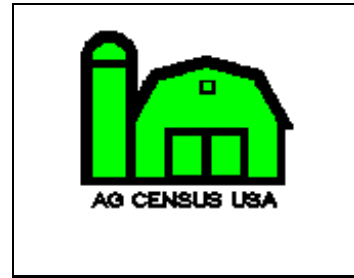


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## CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Increased 36 percent from 32,392 acres in 1992 to 44,082 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 150 acres in 1992 to 166 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 109 farms in 1992 to 115 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

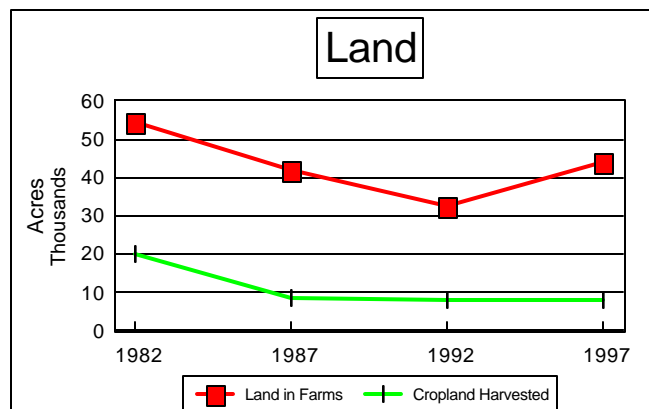
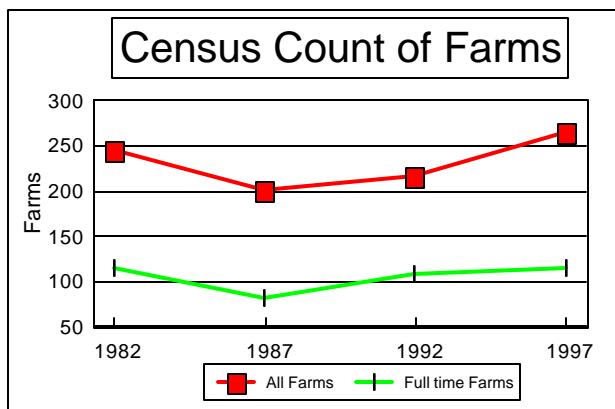
Increased 61 percent to \$26,859,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 31 percent from \$77,320 in 1992 to \$100,974 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	26,859	22	46	1,858	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	22,898	12	46	1,154	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,961	35	46	2,468	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	15,584	1	46	75	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,060	8	46	325	2,790
Aquaculture	3,268	1	26	47	1,505
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	5	43	545	2,237
Cattle and calves	318	43	46	2,855	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	890	43	46	2,847	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	277	37	46	2,295	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	198	23	35	1,182	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	179	4	44	417	3,015
All goats sold	93	28	46	950	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,156	42	46	2,818	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	849	9	46	915	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	340	31	46	1,979	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	275	26	45	1,365	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	210	39	46	2,245	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land used for vegetables-acres	3,493	1	46	188	2,741
Hay crops-acres	1,626	38	46	2,765	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,120	30	46	1,830	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	684	36	43	1,655	2,144
All nursery-acres	658	7	46	431	2,619

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	162	136	19
\$10,000 or more .....	104	80	30
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	14,670	14,144	4
Average per farm .....dollars..	54,944	65,483	-16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	10,721	3,012	256
Average per farm .....dollars..	40,154	13,945	188
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	220	179	23
Partnership or corporation .....	43	33	30
Other .....	3	4	-25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	115	109	6
Other .....	151	107	41
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	232	193	20
Female .....	34	23	48
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	245	191	28
Black and other races .....	21	25	-16
Average age of operator .....	53.9	53.8	0

(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.