

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service

CHEROKEE SOUTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 66,165 acres in 1992 to 64,770 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 171 acres in 1992 to 157 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 131 farms in 1992 to 110 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

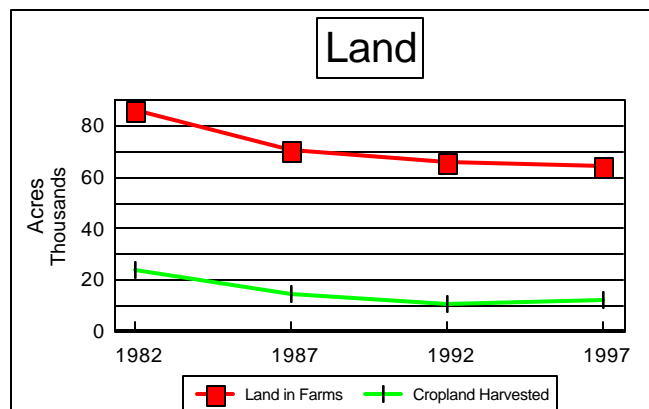
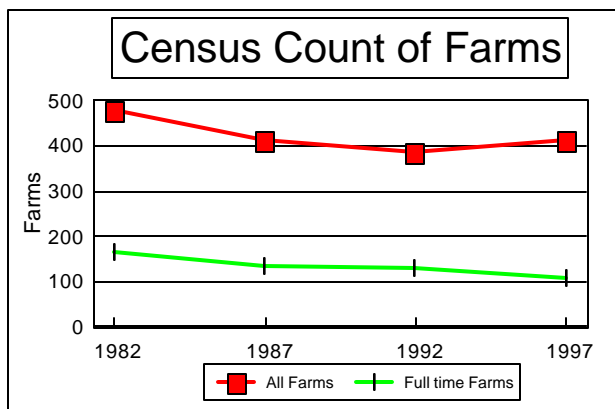
Increased 35 percent to \$13,193,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 27 percent from \$25,136 in 1992 to \$32,023 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	13,193	37	46	2,370	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	10,164	22	46	1,848	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,029	39	46	2,369	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	8,144	18	46	486	2,901
Fruits, nuts, berries	(D)	5	46	214	2,547
Cattle and calves	1,979	16	46	2,168	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	266	20	46	2,165	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	233	37	46	1,703	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	626,587	7	22	106	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	10,279	6	46	1,590	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	2	34	1,756	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	25	35	1,357	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	83	42	46	2,607	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	123,405	11	40	146	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	13,115	13	46	1,895	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	19	45	947	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	438	19	46	1,773	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	214	36	46	2,276	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,920	14	46	1,814	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	1,466	6	46	272	2,693
Soybeans for beans-acres	552	38	43	1,698	2,144
Wheat-acres	375	38	45	1,982	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	17	39	1,638	2,473

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	344	318	8
\$10,000 or more	68	70	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,146	8,964	24
Average per farmdollars..	27,054	23,103	17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,898	369	414
Average per farmdollars..	4,608	950	385
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	376	334	13
Partnership or corporation	35	53	-34
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	110	131	-16
Other	302	257	18
Operators by sex:			
Male	377	356	6
Female	35	32	9
Operators by race:			
White	408	381	7
Black and other races	4	7	-43
Average age of operator	58.0	57.2	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.