

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



DARLINGTON SOUTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 156,853 acres in 1992 to 158,132 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 424 acres in 1992 to 457 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 223 farms in 1992 to 179 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

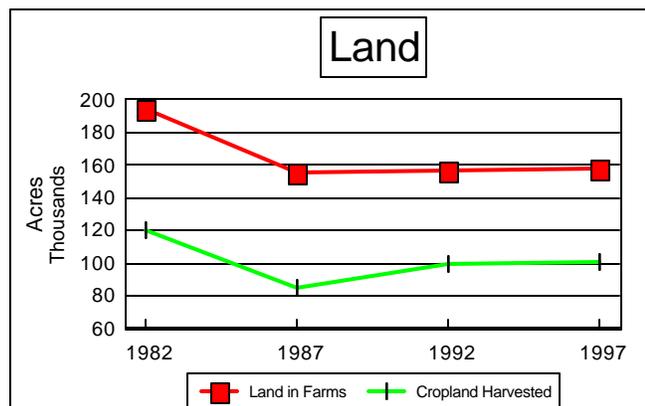
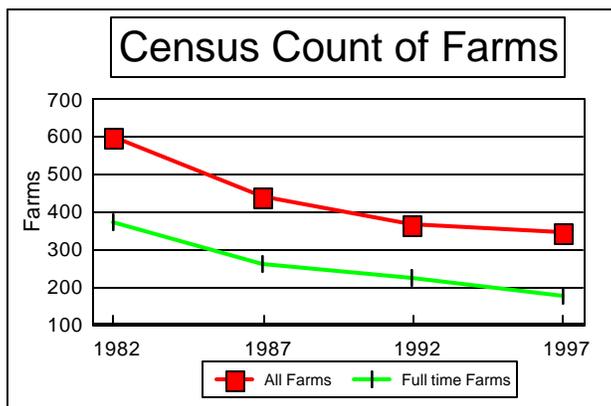
Increased 61 percent to \$61,257,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 72 percent from \$102,979 in 1992 to \$177,045 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	61,257	8	46	961	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	47,289	4	46	587	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	13,969	16	46	1,586	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	18,250	6	18	44	580
Cotton, cottonseed	13,254	3	36	119	709
Poultry & poultry products	12,081	15	46	392	2,901
Soybeans	6,452	3	42	670	2,136
Wheat	4,649	1	45	393	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3,144,000	13	33	325	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	10	22	196	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	17	36	601	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	2,403	25	46	1,492	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,811	30	46	2,678	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	2	46	123	3,002
Broiler inventory	428,035	13	45	345	2,620
All turkeys inventory	(D)	12	40	189	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	4,874	29	46	2,589	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	966	27	46	1,623	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	49,991	1	43	512	2,144
Wheat-acres	31,471	1	45	420	2,612
Cotton-acres	23,471	6	36	153	713
Corn for grain-acres	12,110	9	46	1,004	2,691
Tobacco-acres	4,765	6	18	48	583

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	183	156	17
\$10,000 or more	163	214	-24
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	46,308	31,900	45
Average per farmdollars..	134,227	86,449	55
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	15,427	5,238	195
Average per farmdollars..	44,716	14,195	215
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	296	298	-1
Partnership or corporation	45	71	-37
Other	5	1	400
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	179	223	-20
Other	167	147	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	317	360	-12
Female	29	10	190
Operators by race:			
White	303	321	-6
Black and other races	43	49	-12
Average age of operator	54.3	55.5	-2

(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.