

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service

DORCHESTER SOUTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 62,108 acres in 1992 to 65,333 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 193 acres in 1992 to 208 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 10 percent from 115 farms in 1992 to 126 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

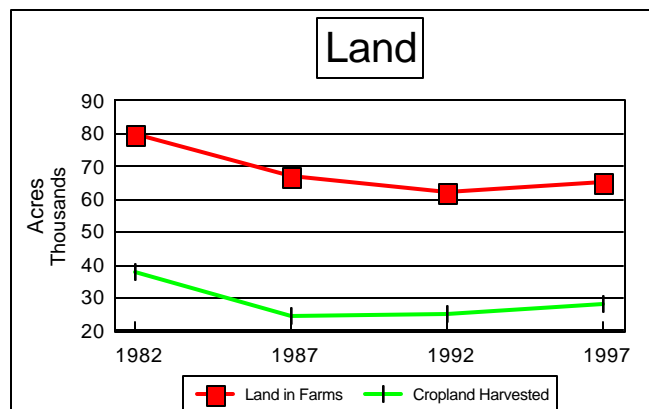
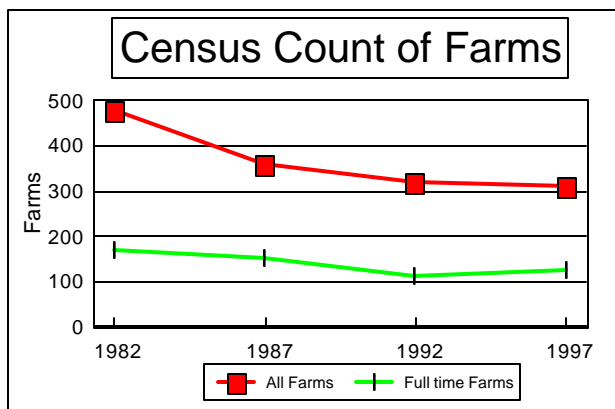
Increased 58 percent to \$21,506,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 62 percent from \$42,389 in 1992 to \$68,490 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	21,506	26	46	2,044	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,027	19	46	1,785	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,479	27	46	1,724	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	7,266	19	46	508	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	3,410	14	36	278	709
Tobacco	2,492	11	18	228	580
Cattle and calves	2,275	12	46	2,069	3,063
Corn for grain	2,229	14	45	1,079	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,292,013	15	33	371	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		2	36	97	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	8,855	15	46	1,053	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	4,624	21	46	2,224	3,063
All goats sold	200	16	46	476	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	372,071	15	45	367	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	146,847	11	46	346	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory (D)		3	41	208	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,532	14	46	944	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	6,081	26	46	2,474	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	9,936	14	46	1,090	2,691
Cotton-acres	7,077	13	36	290	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,065	21	43	1,108	2,144
Wheat-acres	3,278	23	45	1,241	2,612
Hay crops-acres	2,097	33	46	2,699	3,061

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	209	234	-11
\$10,000 or more	105	87	21
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	15,061	11,422	32
Average per farmdollars..	47,965	35,583	35
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,409	1,383	219
Average per farmdollars..	14,042	4,309	226
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	285	267	7
Partnership or corporation	29	53	-45
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	126	115	10
Other	188	206	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	288	304	-5
Female	26	17	53
Operators by race:			
White	262	273	-4
Black and other races	52	48	8
Average age of operator	55.1	55.3	-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.