

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



AIKEN SOUTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 136,565 acres in 1992 to 134,069 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 204 acres in 1992 to 184 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 7 percent from 256 farms in 1992 to 274 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

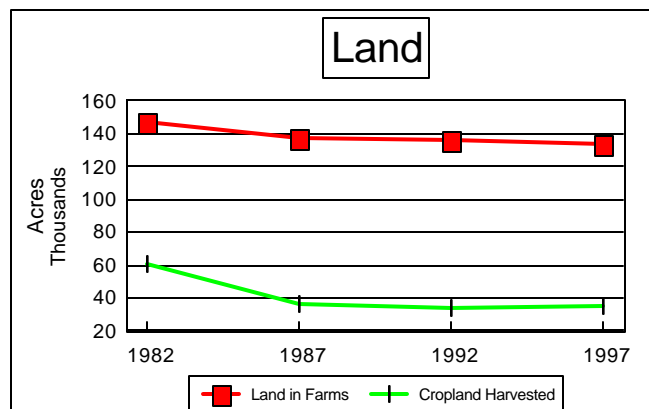
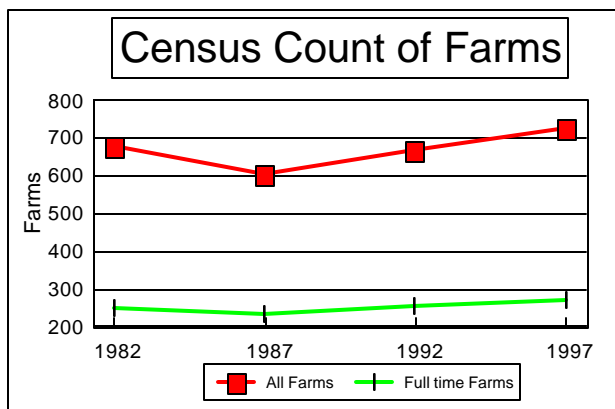
Increased 80 percent to \$58,754,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 65 percent from \$48,720 in 1992 to \$80,595 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	58,754	11	46	1,014	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	44,331	5	46	599	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	14,423	18	46	1,504	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	40,491	5	46	157	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,518	9	46	362	2,790
Cotton, cottonseed	2,411	16	36	311	709
Cattle and calves	2,372	11	46	2,036	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,136	6	46	221	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	21,891,685	2	33	86	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	409,122	5	36	208	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	52,631	5	35	106	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	6,983	17	46	1,120	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	5,797	17	46	2,042	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	4,010,619	2	45	78	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	147,885	2	41	107	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	112,133	14	46	401	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	65,619	3	45	31	2,884
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	7	35	313	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,879	6	46	1,517	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,304	19	43	1,097	2,144
Cotton-acres	4,519	16	36	336	713
Wheat-acres	4,279	20	45	1,135	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	3,677	20	46	1,449	2,691

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	529	480	10
\$10,000 or more	200	189	6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	47,215	29,365	61
Average per farmdollars..	64,767	43,894	48
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,940	2,913	207
Average per farmdollars..	12,263	4,354	182
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	674	593	14
Partnership or corporation	54	74	-27
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	274	256	7
Other	455	413	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	641	604	6
Female	88	65	35
Operators by race:			
White	656	608	8
Black and other races	73	61	20
Average age of operator	55.4	54.8	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.