

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



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## FAIRFIELD SOUTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Decreased 16 percent from 55,712 acres in 1992 to 46,609 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 295 acres in 1992 to 271 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 26 percent from 69 farms in 1992 to 51 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

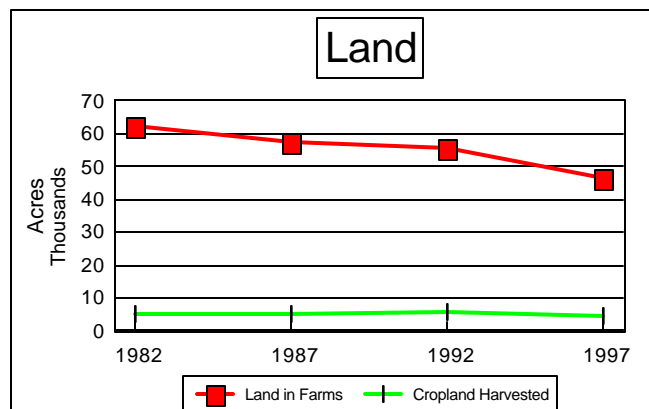
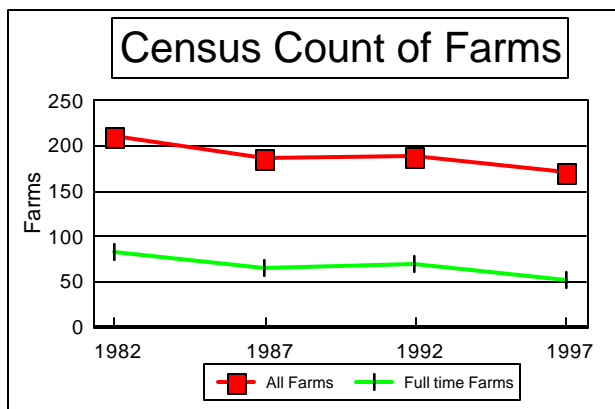
Increased 563 percent to \$13,504,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 629 percent from \$10,775 in 1992 to \$78,512 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	13,504	36	46	2,357	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	13,189	17	46	1,633	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	315	45	46	2,944	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	11,495	16	46	406	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,145	25	46	2,475	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	16	31	1,714	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	195	39	46	1,776	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	55	44	46	2,810	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	934,003	5	22	85	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	2,664	27	46	2,536	3,063
All goats sold	57	35	46	1,339	2,686
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	18	29	1,085	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	45	46	2,894	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	148,330	8	40	132	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	6,327	25	46	2,453	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	192	34	46	2,609	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	147	40	46	2,480	3,002
All goat inventory	141	43	46	1,466	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	3,725	26	46	2,464	3,061
Wheat-acres	208	42	45	2,136	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	21	39	1,812	2,473
Cotton-acres	(D)	33	36	640	713
Corn for grain-acres	53	42	46	2,444	2,691

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 .....	138	154	-10
\$10,000 or more .....	34	35	-3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	13,646	1,938	604
Average per farm .....dollars..	79,338	10,201	678
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(146)	153	-195
Average per farm .....dollars..	(848)	803	-206
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	161	175	-8
Partnership or corporation .....	10	12	-17
Other .....	1	2	-50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	51	69	-26
Other .....	121	120	1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	159	166	-4
Female .....	13	23	-43
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	154	172	-10
Black and other races .....	18	17	6
Average age of operator .....	57.6	59.9	-4

(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.