

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service

HORRY SOUTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 195,697 acres in 1992 to 183,590 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 187 acres in 1992 to 205 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 615 farms in 1992 to 492 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

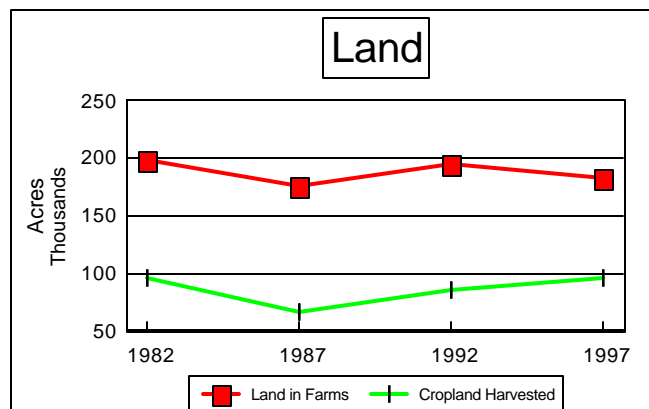
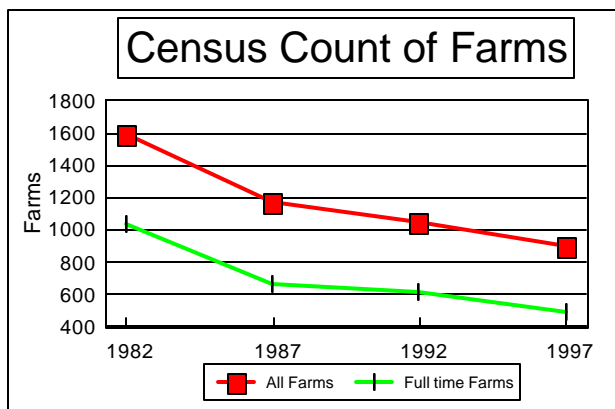
Increased 30 percent to \$82,788,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 52 percent from \$60,752 in 1992 to \$92,397 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	82,788	3	46	672	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	71,820	1	46	297	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	10,968	20	46	1,794	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	54,005	1	18	4	580
Soybeans	7,208	1	42	640	2,136
Hogs and pigs	6,655	4	46	445	2,976
Corn for grain	4,675	4	45	828	2,582
Poultry & poultry products	2,341	28	46	759	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,350,000	17	33	428	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	61,797	5	46	460	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	5,427	19	46	2,099	3,063
All goats sold	623	5	46	145	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	26	36	1,116	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	236,514	17	45	429	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	36,904	3	46	397	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	10,455	19	46	2,105	3,064
All goat inventory	2,293	2	46	81	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	866	8	46	895	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	45,650	3	43	547	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	19,979	4	46	819	2,691
Wheat-acres	16,591	8	45	595	2,612
Tobacco-acres	14,265	1	18	4	583
Hay crops-acres	4,823	21	46	2,305	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	398	446	-11
\$10,000 or more	498	602	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	59,521	48,016	24
Average per farmdollars..	66,356	45,773	45
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	21,671	15,054	44
Average per farmdollars..	24,160	14,351	68
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	781	913	-14
Partnership or corporation	110	126	-13
Other	5	9	-44
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	492	615	-20
Other	404	433	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	827	957	-14
Female	69	91	-24
Operators by race:			
White	881	1,017	-13
Black and other races	15	31	-52
Average age of operator	53.2	52.7	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.