

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



## KERSHAW SOUTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Increased 37 percent from 52,978 acres in 1992 to 72,625 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 222 acres in 1992 to 224 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 31 percent from 94 farms in 1992 to 123 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

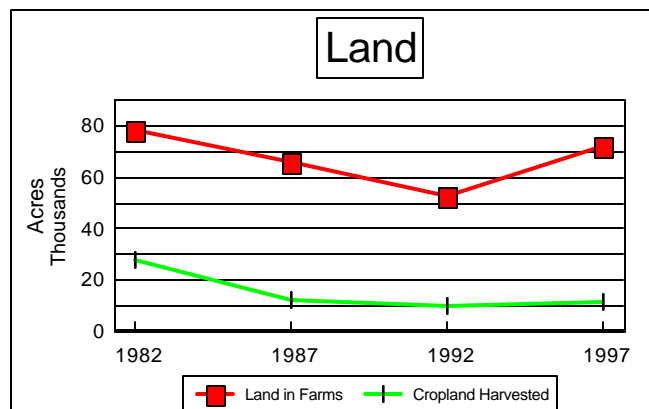
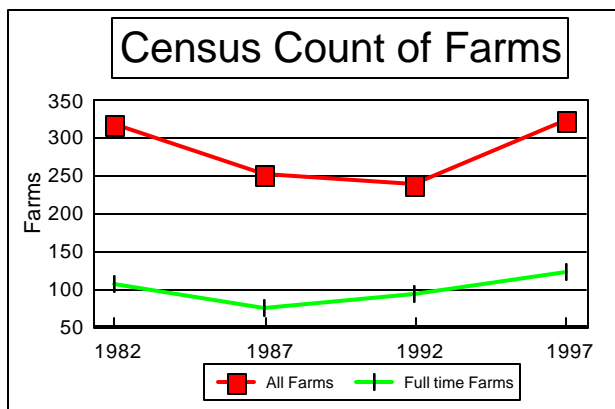
Increased 200 percent to \$59,748,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 122 percent from \$83,254 in 1992 to \$184,408 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                   | 59,748    | 10    | 46        | 991   | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 57,160    | 3     | 46        | 426   | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 2,588     | 40    | 46        | 2,419 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |           |       |           |       |           |
| Poultry & poultry products                                  | 52,434    | 3     | 46        | 110   | 2,901     |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)       | 5     | 46        | 663   | 2,976     |
| Horses and ponies   | 786       | 1     | 44        | 142   | 3,015     |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops                                | 677       | 32    | 46        | 1,178 | 2,790     |
| Soybeans  | 600       | 24    | 42        | 1,293 | 2,136     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |           |       |           |       |           |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | (D)       | 1     | 35        | 2     | 2,200     |
| Turkeys sold  | 2,954,214 | 1     | 22        | 30    | 1,353     |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold                  | 2,380,100 | 14    | 33        | 366   | 1,882     |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | (D)       | 4     | 36        | 157   | 2,203     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | (D)       | 4     | 46        | 413   | 2,976     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |           |       |           |       |           |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory                   | (D)       | 1     | 45        | 1     | 2,884     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | (D)       | 1     | 46        | 79    | 3,002     |
| All turkeys inventory                                       | 894,038   | 1     | 40        | 32    | 2,361     |
| Broiler inventory   | 412,046   | 14    | 45        | 351   | 2,620     |
| Hogs and pigs inventory                                     | (D)       | 15    | 46        | 963   | 3,005     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |           |       |           |       |           |
| Hay crops-acres   | 4,698     | 22    | 46        | 2,318 | 3,061     |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 2,652     | 25    | 43        | 1,345 | 2,144     |
| Wheat-acres   | 2,011     | 26    | 45        | 1,425 | 2,612     |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 1,657     | 25    | 46        | 1,705 | 2,691     |
| Cotton-acres  | (D)       | 30    | 36        | 598   | 713       |

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 .....                       | 220     | 172    | 28             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 104     | 67     | 55             |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 59,693  | 16,167 | 269            |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 184,236 | 67,930 | 171            |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |         |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | (849)   | 3,557  | -124           |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | (2,619) | 14,945 | -118           |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |         |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 278     | 203    | 37             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 44      | 35     | 26             |
| Other .....                                    | 2       | 1      | 100            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |         |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |         |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 123     | 94     | 31             |
| Other .....                                    | 201     | 145    | 39             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |         |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 271     | 211    | 28             |
| Female .....                                   | 53      | 28     | 89             |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |         |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 305     | 223    | 37             |
| Black and other races .....                    | 19      | 16     | 19             |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 56.7    | 56.2   | 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.