

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service

LANCASTER SOUTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 29 percent from 58,323 acres in 1992 to 75,181 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 131 acres in 1992 to 150 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 16 percent from 152 farms in 1992 to 176 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

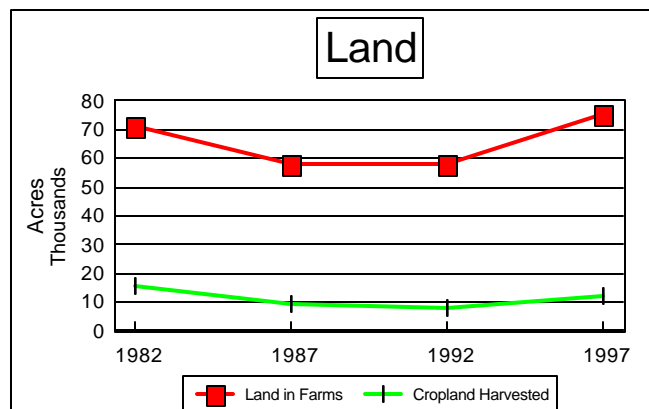
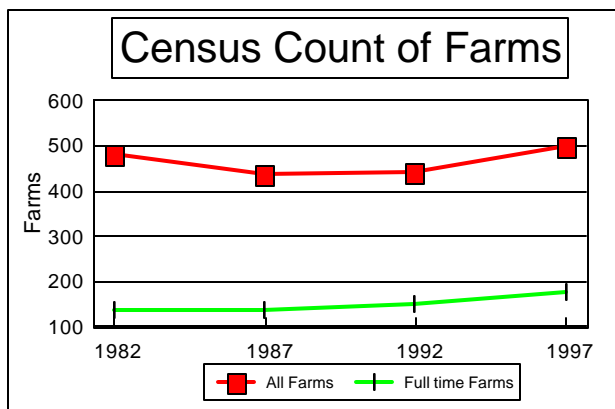
Increased 284 percent to \$40,680,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 241 percent from \$23,829 in 1992 to \$81,359 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	40,680	18	46	1,418	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	38,767	9	46	698	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,913	41	46	2,533	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	35,963	6	46	172	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,378	10	46	2,033	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,116	28	46	927	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	311	18	46	2,043	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	210	23	46	1,034	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	2,800,718	2	22	33	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	21	33	511	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	6,194	14	46	1,979	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	850	3	29	234	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	446	32	46	2,105	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	873,104	2	40	35	2,361
Broiler inventory	(D)	20	45	494	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	12,482	15	46	1,951	3,064
All goat inventory	925	8	46	216	2,983
Rabbit inventory	839	2	36	99	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,036	11	46	1,725	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	750	34	43	1,641	2,144
Wheat-acres	686	37	45	1,786	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	558	32	46	2,027	2,691
Oats-acres	270	19	43	1,266	2,332

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	387	377	3
\$10,000 or more	113	67	69
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	42,048	9,102	362
Average per farmdollars..	84,096	20,499	310
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(2,156)	1,586	-236
Average per farmdollars..	(4,313)	3,571	-221
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	459	418	10
Partnership or corporation	39	25	56
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	176	152	16
Other	324	292	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	454	415	9
Female	46	29	59
Operators by race:			
White	480	422	14
Black and other races	20	22	-9
Average age of operator	56.8	55.7	2

(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.