

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 136,151 acres in 1992 to 119,741 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 486 acres in 1992 to 539 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 38 percent from 173 farms in 1992 to 108 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

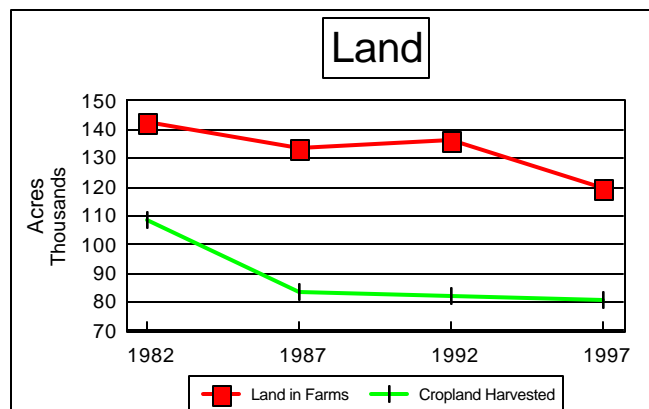
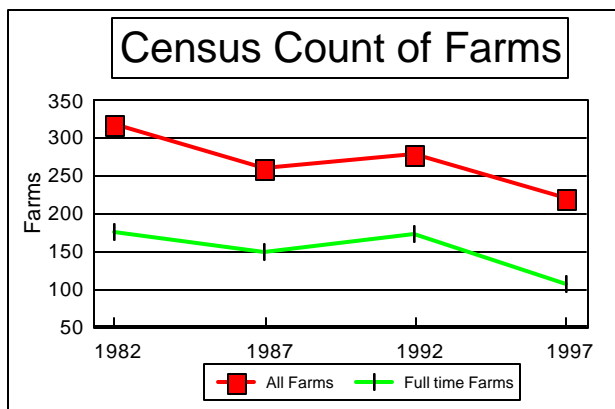
Increased 68 percent to \$45,383,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 112 percent from \$96,476 in 1992 to \$204,427 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 | 45,383 | 14 | 46 | 1,300 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 27,960 | 11 | 46 | 1,002 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 17,423 | 15 | 46 | 1,382 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Poultry & poultry products | 16,636 | 12 | 46 | 329 | 2,901 |
| Cotton, cottonseed | 11,739 | 5 | 36 | 132 | 709 |
| Soybeans | 4,606 | 6 | 42 | 756 | 2,136 |
| Wheat | 3,293 | 5 | 45 | 508 | 2,578 |
| Corn for grain | 2,863 | 11 | 45 | 994 | 2,582 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | 4,647,735 | 9 | 33 | 274 | 1,882 |
| Turkeys sold | 874,313 | 6 | 22 | 88 | 1,353 |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold | (D) | 16 | 36 | 596 | 2,203 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold | (D) | 10 | 35 | 283 | 2,200 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 3,798 | 21 | 46 | 1,331 | 2,976 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Broiler inventory | 1,074,900 | 7 | 45 | 230 | 2,620 |
| All turkeys inventory | 196,741 | 7 | 40 | 114 | 2,361 |
| Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory | (D) | 2 | 35 | 197 | 1,790 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 2,107 | 43 | 46 | 2,825 | 3,064 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 1,760 | 22 | 46 | 1,394 | 3,005 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Soybeans for beans-acres | 33,943 | 6 | 43 | 644 | 2,144 |
| Cotton-acres | 25,588 | 3 | 36 | 139 | 713 |
| Wheat-acres | 18,804 | 7 | 45 | 553 | 2,612 |
| Corn for grain-acres | 11,257 | 13 | 46 | 1,040 | 2,691 |
| Peanuts-acres | 1,960 | 2 | 28 | 123 | 466 |

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 | 101 | 118 | -14 |
| \$10,000 or more | 121 | 162 | -25 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 34,866 | 24,725 | 41 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 157,054 | 88,303 | 78 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 9,261 | 2,430 | 281 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 41,718 | 8,677 | 381 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 179 | 236 | -24 |
| Partnership or corporation | 38 | 44 | -14 |
| Other | 5 | - | |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 108 | 173 | -38 |
| Other | 114 | 107 | 7 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 191 | 246 | -22 |
| Female | 31 | 34 | -9 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 203 | 254 | -20 |
| Black and other races | 19 | 26 | -27 |
| Average age of operator | 54.9 | 53.8 | 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.