

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



LEXINGTON SOUTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 13 percent from 82,634 acres in 1992 to 93,408 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 115 acres in 1992 to 117 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 300 farms in 1992 to 327 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

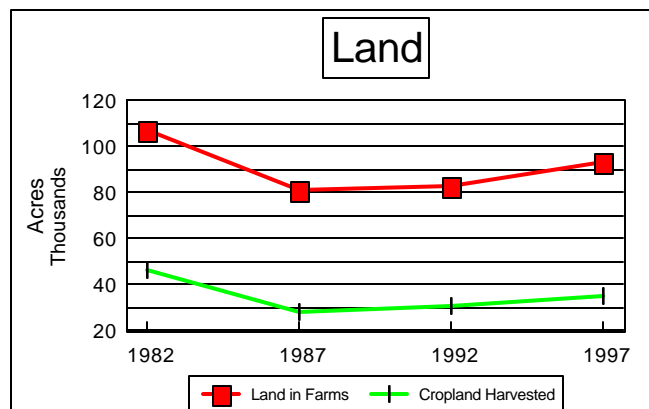
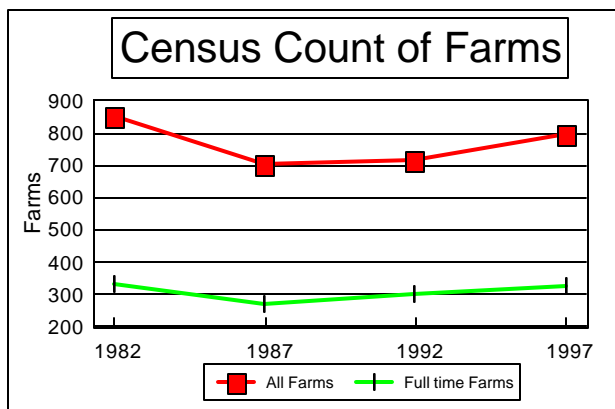
Increased 67 percent to \$108,429,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 50 percent from \$90,234 in 1992 to \$135,706 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	108,429	1	46	442	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	85,752	1	46	243	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	22,677	13	46	1,161	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	82,402	1	46	56	2,901
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	13,529	2	46	84	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,871	14	46	472	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,789	19	46	2,238	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	1,472	17	36	348	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	42,133,536	1	33	42	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	328,174	6	36	248	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	5,679	18	46	2,062	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,716	19	46	1,247	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,539	19	35	657	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	6,284,549	1	45	46	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	282,150	7	46	244	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	61,667	4	41	211	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	6	35	296	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	11,682	17	46	1,998	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,565	9	46	1,660	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,750	17	43	1,075	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	6,668	16	46	1,213	2,691
Wheat-acres	3,680	22	45	1,198	2,612
Cotton-acres	3,635	18	36	359	713

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	526	473	11
\$10,000 or more	273	245	11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	88,043	55,452	59
Average per farmdollars..	110,191	77,232	43
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	18,455	7,736	139
Average per farmdollars..	23,098	10,774	114
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	727	660	10
Partnership or corporation	69	57	21
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	327	300	9
Other	472	418	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	711	659	8
Female	88	59	49
Operators by race:			
White	786	708	11
Black and other races	13	10	30
Average age of operator	55.1	54.6	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.