

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture  
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service

## MARION SOUTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 78,382 acres in 1992 to 80,158 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 35 percent from 296 acres in 1992 to 401 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 135 farms in 1992 to 107 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

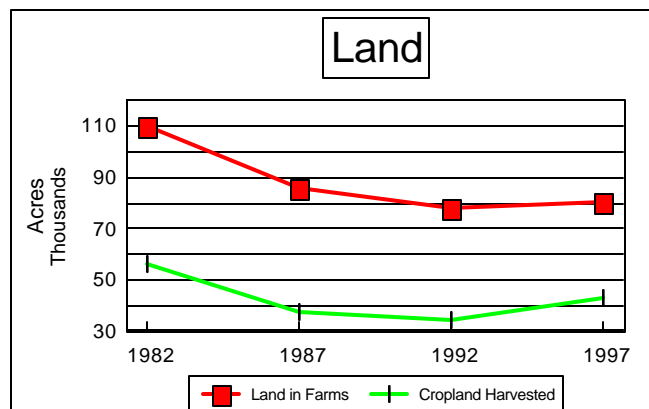
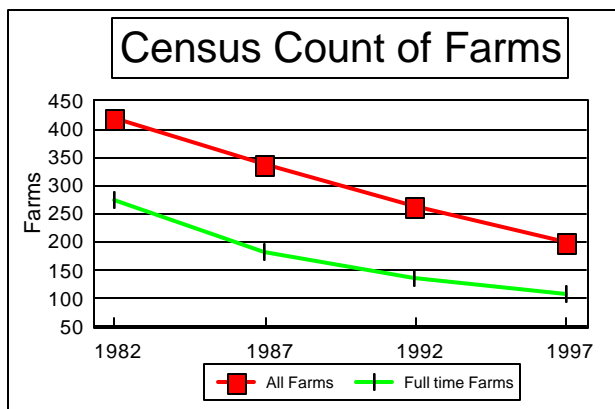
Increased 34 percent to \$32,719,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 77 percent from \$92,208 in 1992 to \$163,593 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	32,719	21	46	1,637	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	31,018	9	46	911	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,701	40	46	2,778	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	23,136	3	18	27	580
Soybeans	3,645	10	42	817	2,136
Wheat	1,822	10	45	687	2,578
Cotton, cottonseed	1,329	18	36	360	709
Corn for grain	879	18	45	1,375	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	24	33	603	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	4,873	18	46	1,236	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,421	35	46	2,740	3,063
All goats sold	76	32	46	1,097	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	27	44	2,261	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	24	45	580	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	7,184	12	46	919	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	2,999	35	46	2,745	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	174	36	46	2,657	3,066
All goat inventory	145	42	46	1,443	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	22,876	10	43	756	2,144
Wheat-acres	12,586	10	45	681	2,612
Tobacco-acres	5,988	3	18	34	583
Cotton-acres	3,703	17	36	356	713
Corn for grain-acres	3,611	21	46	1,454	2,691

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 .....	93	135	-31
\$10,000 or more .....	107	130	-18
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	23,206	18,637	25
Average per farm .....dollars..	115,453	70,329	64
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	9,047	5,819	55
Average per farm .....dollars..	45,008	21,959	105
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	179	227	-21
Partnership or corporation .....	19	33	-42
Other .....	2	5	-60
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	107	135	-21
Other .....	93	130	-28
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	181	243	-26
Female .....	19	22	-14
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	176	211	-17
Black and other races .....	24	54	-56
Average age of operator .....	54.9	55.6	-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.