

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



## OCONEE SOUTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 69,897 acres in 1992 to 66,497 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 108 acres in 1992 to 109 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 251 farms in 1992 to 202 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

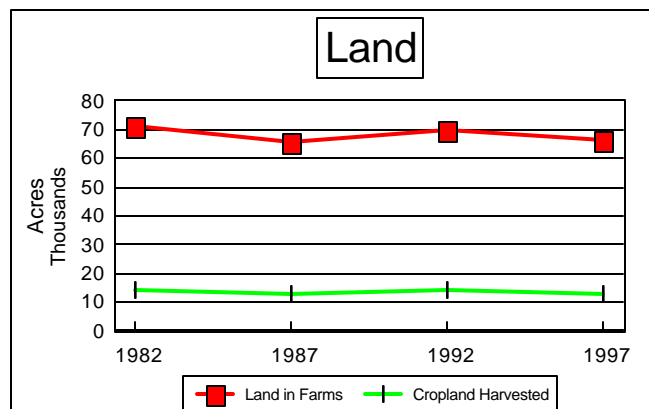
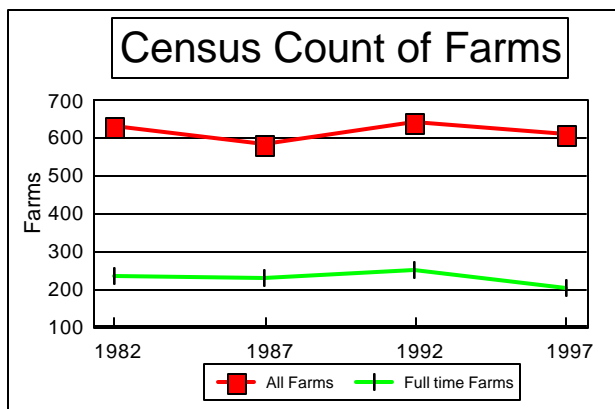
Increased 48 percent to \$44,308,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 57 percent from \$46,298 in 1992 to \$72,517 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	44,308	15	46	1,327	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	40,443	6	46	661	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,866	36	46	2,256	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	34,848	7	46	176	2,901
Cattle and calves	3,760	5	46	1,686	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,697	21	46	755	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,361	8	46	269	2,547
Dairy products	882	14	31	1,477	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	17,131,252	3	33	119	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	153,884	10	36	385	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	9,463	8	46	1,656	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,278	26	46	1,506	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	665	1	44	54	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	3,127,071	3	45	103	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	365,139	5	46	200	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	18,855	7	46	1,594	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,080	25	46	1,571	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	524	14	46	1,528	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	9,053	13	46	1,802	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,371	30	43	1,506	2,144
Wheat-acres	1,111	31	45	1,628	2,612
Land in orchards-acres	1,095	7	46	309	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	515	33	46	2,051	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 .....	472	489	-3
\$10,000 or more .....	139	157	-11
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	36,032	25,351	42
Average per farm .....dollars..	58,972	39,183	51
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,082	3,238	119
Average per farm .....dollars..	11,590	5,005	132
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	562	595	-6
Partnership or corporation .....	44	47	-6
Other .....	5	4	25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	202	251	-20
Other .....	409	395	4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	574	605	-5
Female .....	37	41	-10
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	599	637	-6
Black and other races .....	12	9	33
Average age of operator .....	56.2	55.2	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.