

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



## PICKENS SOUTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 44,200 acres in 1992 to 46,862 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 89 acres in 1992 to 88 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 179 farms in 1992 to 170 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

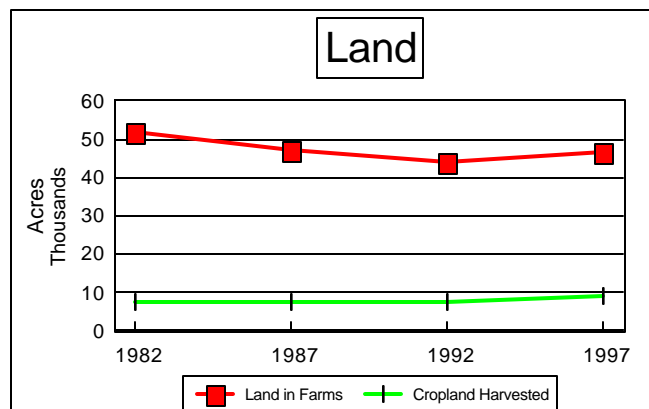
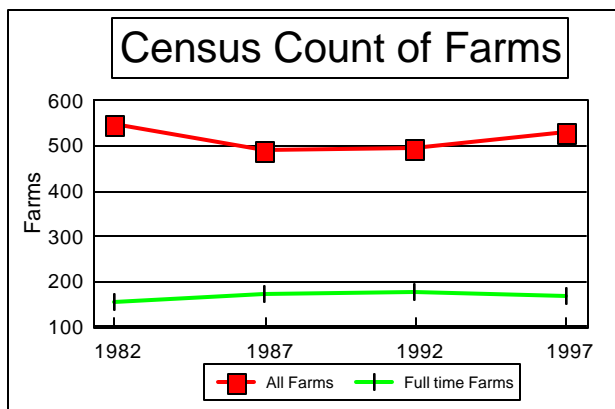
Increased 31 percent to \$5,908,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 22 percent from \$9,108 in 1992 to \$11,105 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	5,908	44	46	2,715	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	3,622	37	46	2,279	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,286	38	46	2,679	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,734	16	46	592	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,601	22	46	2,301	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	438	20	46	793	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	319	17	46	2,026	3,043
Hogs and pigs	255	24	46	1,462	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	19	36	721	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	4,638	20	46	2,222	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,266	27	46	1,508	2,976
All goats sold	398	7	46	246	2,686
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	7	29	456	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,585	18	46	2,094	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	775	11	46	1,044	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	686	30	46	1,757	3,005
All goat inventory	505	19	46	473	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	481	30	46	1,718	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	7,999	17	46	1,910	3,061
All nursery-acres	594	8	46	466	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	352	36	46	2,147	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	334	39	43	1,791	2,144
Land used for vegetables-acres	248	19	46	872	2,741

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 .....	456	425	7
\$10,000 or more .....	76	71	7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	5,529	4,062	36
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,393	8,207	27
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,623	646	151
Average per farm .....dollars..	3,051	1,304	134
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	501	469	7
Partnership or corporation .....	27	25	8
Other .....	4	2	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	170	179	-5
Other .....	362	317	14
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	490	457	7
Female .....	42	39	8
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	529	495	7
Black and other races .....	3	1	200
Average age of operator .....	57.3	57.0	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.