

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service

SPARTANBURG SOUTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 107,058 acres in 1992 to 106,937 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 105 acres in 1992 to 100 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Unchanged from 347 farms in 1992 to 347 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

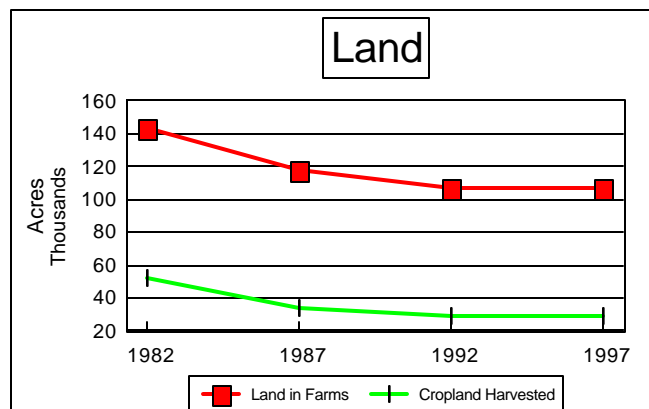
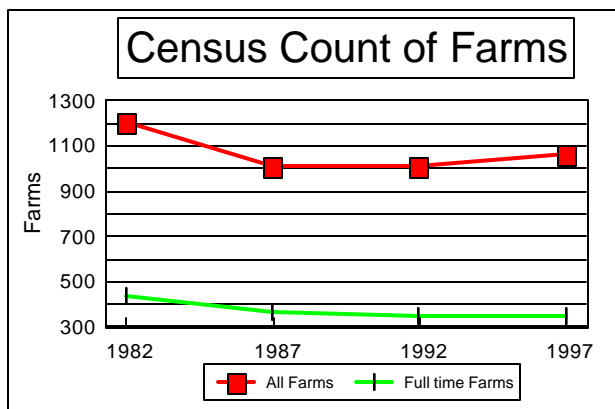
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 6 percent from \$22,949 in 1992 to \$21,663 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	23,114	24	46	1,987	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	13,316	21	46	1,571	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,798	23	46	1,872	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,480	7	46	311	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	4,594	3	46	156	2,547
Dairy products	4,212	3	31	699	2,563
Cattle and calves	3,965	4	46	1,644	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	32	46	922	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	15	22	272	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	10,568	4	46	1,567	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	17	35	649	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	336	36	46	2,227	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	198	2	44	360	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	13	40	202	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	22,231	5	46	1,435	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,560	3	46	345	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	584	28	46	1,567	3,002
All goat inventory	554	16	46	423	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	16,900	3	46	1,201	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	4,968	1	46	118	2,693
Wheat-acres	2,281	25	45	1,380	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,104	28	43	1,400	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	1,417	4	39	863	2,473

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	875	820	7
\$10,000 or more	192	195	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,640	20,970	-2
Average per farmdollars..	19,344	20,660	-6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,291	1,850	24
Average per farmdollars..	2,148	1,823	18
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	974	907	7
Partnership or corporation	84	97	-13
Other	9	11	-18
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	347	347	
Other	720	668	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	975	923	6
Female	92	92	
Operators by race:			
White	1,048	998	5
Black and other races	19	17	12
Average age of operator	56.8	55.6	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.