

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 55,992 acres in 1992 to 53,142 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 201 acres in 1992 to 208 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 88 farms in 1992 to 79 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

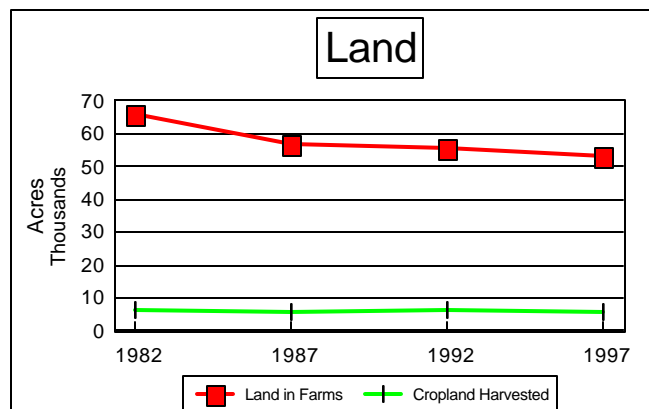
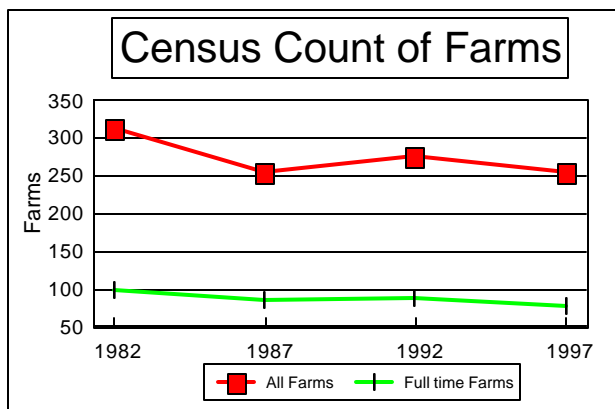
Decreased 9 percent to \$1,817,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased slightly from \$7,176 in 1992 to \$7,125 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	1,817	46	46	2,958	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,434	42	46	2,819	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	383	44	46	2,921	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,368	23	46	2,387	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	38	46	1,760	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	140	29	46	2,539	3,043
Dairy products	(D)	24	31	2,393	2,563
Wheat	(D)	43	45	2,160	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	4,087	23	46	2,304	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	26	33	1,168	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	32	36	1,570	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	30	43	46	2,802	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	18	33	44	2,496	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	9,118	20	46	2,227	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	614	26	46	1,514	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	26	45	961	2,620
Horse and pony inventory	225	32	46	2,493	3,066
All goat inventory	107	45	46	1,691	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,116	20	46	2,271	3,061
Wheat-acres	170	44	45	2,185	2,612
Other crops-acres	(D)	2	12	150	759
All nursery-acres	(D)	31	46	1,406	2,619
Oats-acres	(D)	41	43	2,019	2,332

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	213	233	-9
\$10,000 or more	42	45	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,692	1,802	-6
Average per farmdollars..	6,634	6,460	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	345	73	373
Average per farmdollars..	1,355	260	421
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	234	261	-10
Partnership or corporation	19	17	12
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	79	88	-10
Other	176	190	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	224	261	-14
Female	31	17	82
Operators by race:			
White	241	266	-9
Black and other races	14	12	17
Average age of operator	59.2	58.7	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.