

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



## BEAUFORT SOUTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 44,800 acres in 1992 to 39,147 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 373 acres in 1992 to 395 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 34 percent from 64 farms in 1992 to 42 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

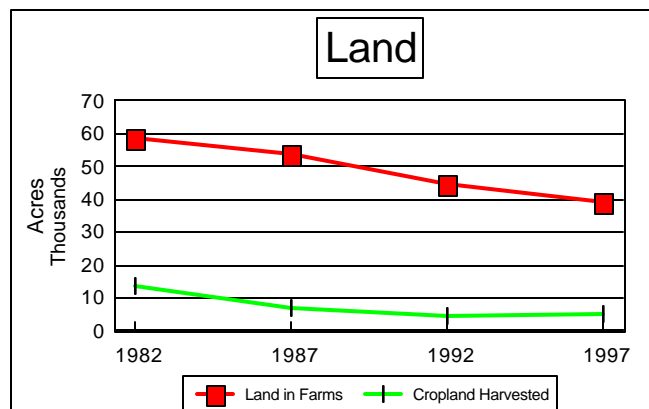
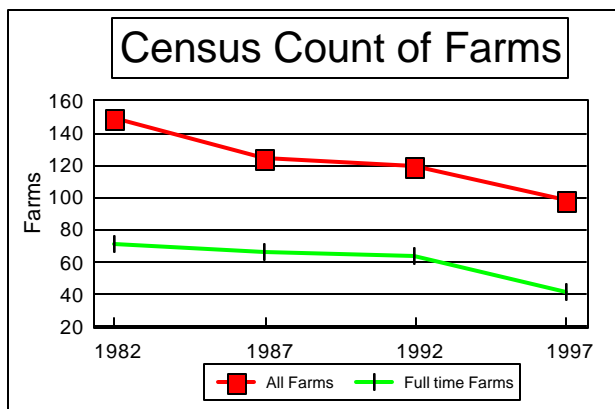
Increased 33 percent to \$8,353,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 61 percent from \$52,333 in 1992 to \$84,377 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	8,353	41	46	2,594	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	7,568	30	46	1,915	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	786	45	46	2,913	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	5,773	3	46	164	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,235	27	46	893	2,790
Cattle and calves	403	39	46	2,807	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	5	26	218	1,505
Corn for grain	294	27	45	1,720	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	972	42	46	2,824	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	264	38	46	2,307	2,976
All goats sold	43	39	46	1,540	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	20	34	2,442	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	11	39	44	2,702	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,273	45	46	2,915	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	273	36	46	2,120	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	251	31	46	2,398	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	174	37	46	2,385	3,002
All goat inventory	130	44	46	1,529	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	1,440	27	46	1,739	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,068	10	46	438	2,741
Wheat-acres	853	34	45	1,715	2,612
Hay crops-acres	741	46	46	2,912	3,061
All nursery-acres	(D)	6	46	415	2,619

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 .....	66	81	-19
\$10,000 or more .....	33	39	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	5,584	5,644	-1
Average per farm .....dollars..	56,407	46,647	21
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,480	324	665
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,798	2,674	827
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	84	93	-10
Partnership or corporation .....	12	26	-54
Other .....	3	1	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	42	64	-34
Other .....	57	56	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	91	112	-19
Female .....	8	8	
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	82	85	-4
Black and other races .....	17	35	-51
Average age of operator .....	55.5	54.8	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.