

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service

BERKELEY SOUTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 51,020 acres in 1992 to 51,426 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 166 acres in 1992 to 176 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 133 farms in 1992 to 107 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

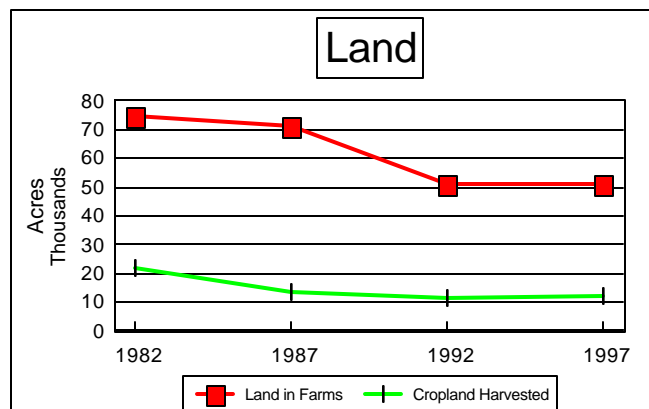
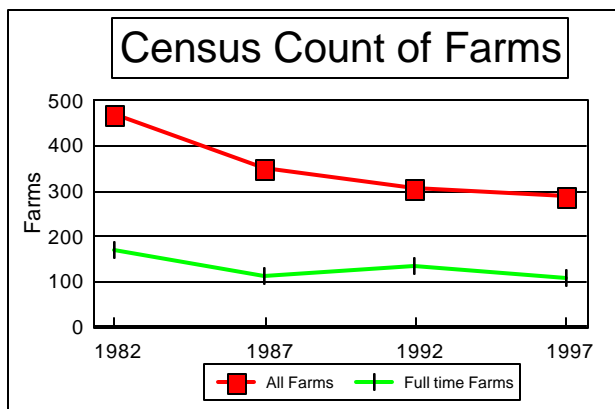
Increased 76 percent to \$22,123,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 85 percent from \$40,893 in 1992 to \$75,765 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	22,123	25	46	2,025	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	20,467	15	46	1,243	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,657	41	46	2,780	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	1	46	120	2,790
Corn for grain	868	19	45	1,380	2,582
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	34	46	1,039	2,901
Cattle and calves	438	37	46	2,796	3,063
Hogs and pigs	435	21	46	1,276	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	23	36	807	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	4,324	20	46	1,279	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	3,687	12	35	450	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	1,241	38	46	2,782	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	29	33	1,462	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	20	46	644	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	3,670	8	45	308	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,269	18	46	1,160	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	2,649	40	46	2,772	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	408	21	46	1,857	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	5,438	17	46	1,286	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,471	26	43	1,361	2,144
Wheat-acres	1,684	29	45	1,499	2,612
Hay crops-acres	1,618	39	46	2,767	3,061
Cotton-acres	817	25	36	502	713

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	201	243	-17
\$10,000 or more	91	65	40
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	15,681	12,019	30
Average per farmdollars..	53,701	39,022	38
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,477	2,108	207
Average per farmdollars..	22,180	6,844	224
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	268	278	-4
Partnership or corporation	21	28	-25
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	107	133	-20
Other	185	175	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	258	269	-4
Female	34	39	-13
Operators by race:			
White	230	211	9
Black and other races	62	97	-36
Average age of operator	56.7	56.1	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.