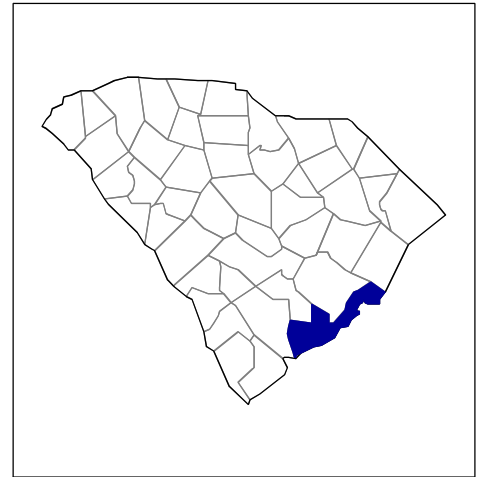


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Number of farms

417 farms in 2002, 354 farms in 1997, up 18 percent.

Land in farms

47,515 acres in 2002, 50,532 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

114 acres in 2002, 143 acres in 1997, down 20 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$18,068,000 in 2002, \$31,177,000 in 1997, down 42 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$15,983,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,085,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

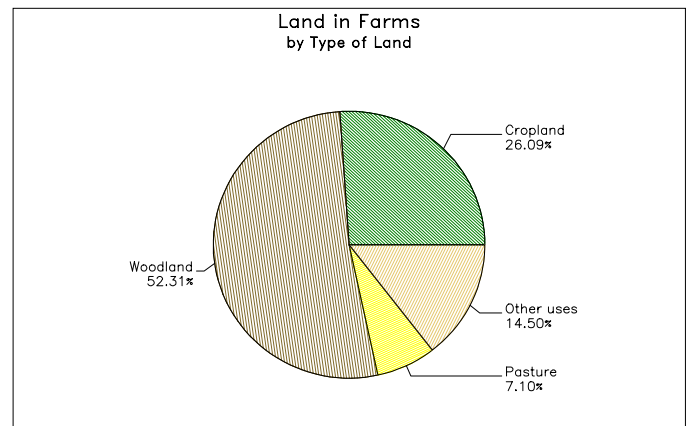
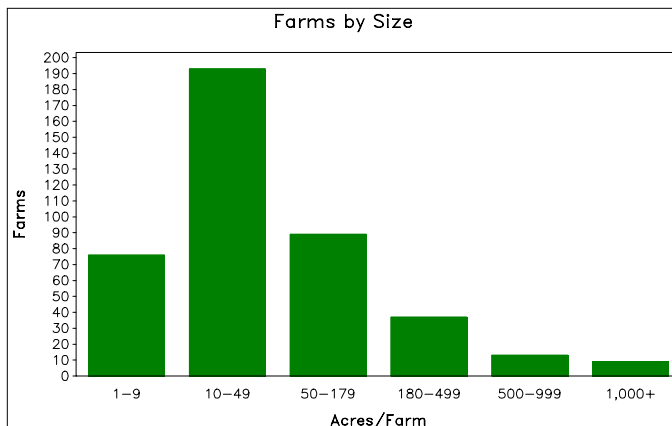
\$43,329 in 2002, \$88,069 in 1997, down 51 percent.

Government Payments

\$58,000 in 2002, \$96,000 in 1997, down 40 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,143 in 2002, \$1,921 in 1997, up 12 percent.



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Ranked items among the 46 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	18,068	28	46	2,169	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	15,983	15	46	1,334	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,085	37	46	2,698	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	33	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,508	4	46	221	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	969	9	45	362	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	7,315	9	45	344	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	45	39	45	1,487	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	34	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6	37	46	2,476	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	9	26	46	2,333	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	26	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	23	36	2,478	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,030	25	42	707	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,032	24	44	1,000	2,983
Cattle and calves	1,750	42	46	2,837	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,308	12	46	936	3,065
All Goats	603	23	46	852	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Vegetables harvested	1,618	5	46	327	2,710
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,417	44	46	2,816	3,059
Tomatoes	872	2	43	38	2,209
Corn for grain	453	28	44	2,010	2,592
Sod harvested	(D)	6	15	(D)	740

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	196
\$1,000 to \$2,499	57
\$2,500 to \$4,999	32
\$5,000 to \$9,999	36
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10
\$500,000 or more	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,807
Average per farm (\$)	37,999
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,943
Average per farm (\$)	7,075

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	175
Other	242
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	324
Female	93
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	567
Black or African American	37
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.