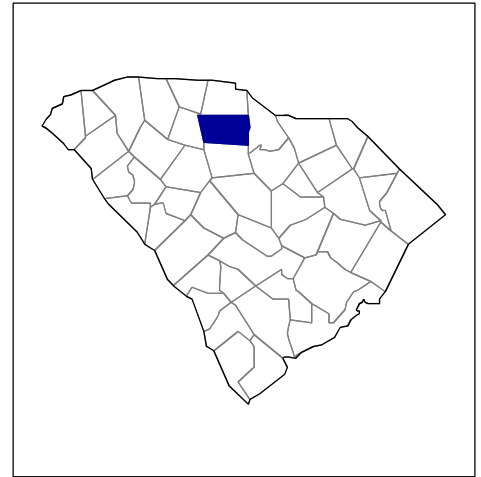


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Number of farms

430 farms in 2002, 436 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

97,237 acres in 2002, 90,477 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Average size of farm

226 acres in 2002, 208 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$17,577,000 in 2002, \$12,002,000 in 1997, up 46 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,517,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$16,060,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

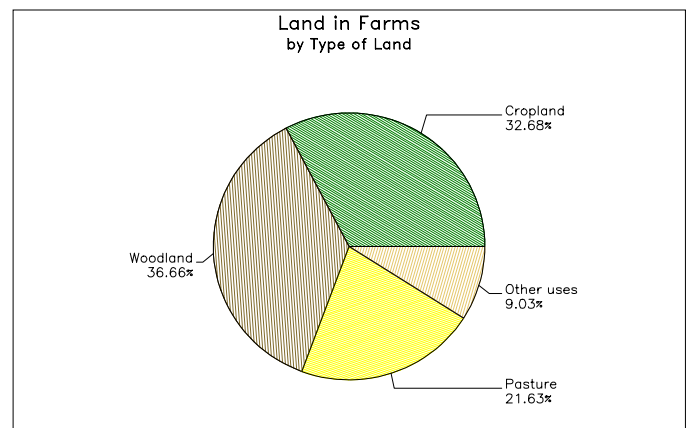
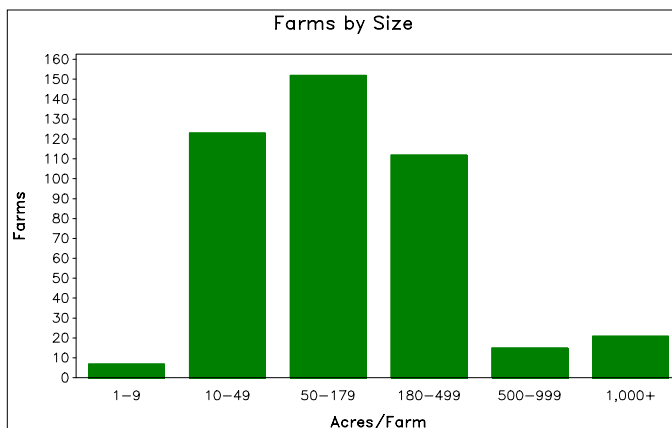
\$40,877 in 2002, \$27,527 in 1997, up 48 percent.

Government Payments

\$250,000 in 2002, \$186,000 in 1997, up 34 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,900 in 2002, \$3,803 in 1997, up 3 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	17,577	29	46	2,193	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,517	42	46	2,597	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,060	18	46	1,485	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	212	30	46	2,219	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	188	30	46	1,401	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	52	37	45	1,570	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	931	7	46	1,306	3,046
Poultry and eggs	12,035	18	45	407	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,321	9	46	2,068	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6	38	46	2,479	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	7	32	46	2,480	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	26	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	194,568	8	38	110	2,328
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	17	44	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	14,331	10	46	1,776	3,059
Horses and ponies	806	19	46	1,557	3,065
All Goats	321	37	46	1,431	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,534	12	46	1,630	3,059
All Wheat for grain	1,153	22	45	1,491	2,517
Short-rotation woody crops	584	11	41	93	1,262
Corn for silage	350	9	36	1,557	2,307
All Cotton ³	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	663

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	187	Farming	217
\$1,000 to \$2,499	80	Other	213
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	33	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31	Male	380
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Female	50
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	516
\$500,000 or more	9	Black or African American	37
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	16,061	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Average per farm (\$)	37,525	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,310	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	5,398	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.