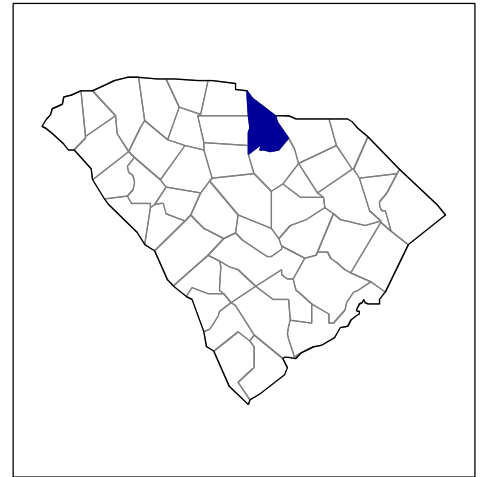




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Number of farms

637 farms in 2002, 656 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

81,468 acres in 2002, 81,683 acres in 1997, down slightly.

Average size of farm

128 acres in 2002, 125 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$45,710,000 in 2002, \$41,385,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,660,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$44,050,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

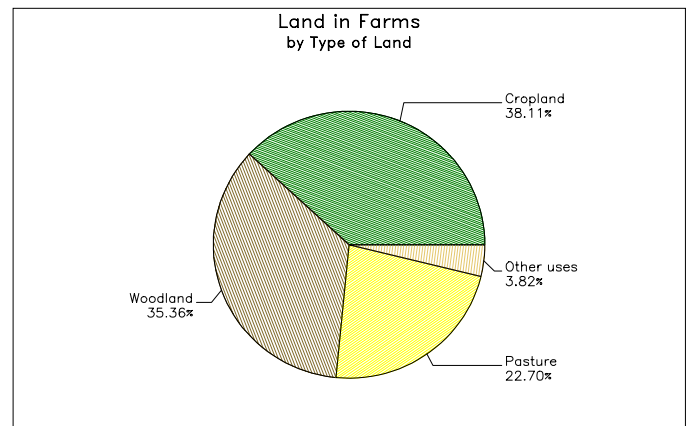
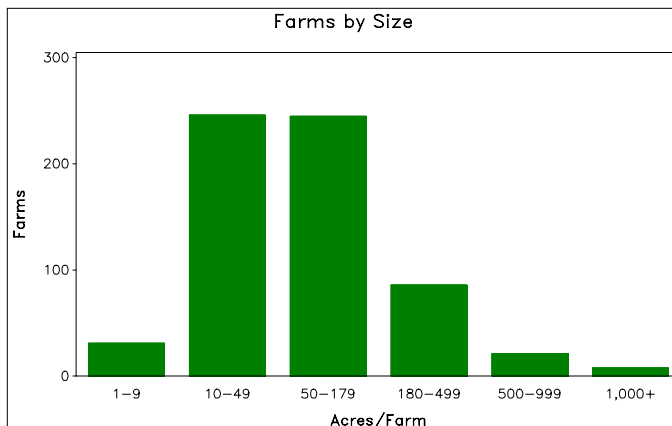
\$71,759 in 2002, \$63,088 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Government Payments

\$220,000 in 2002, \$183,000 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,526 in 2002, \$1,944 in 1997, up 30 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	45,710	15	46	1,267	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,660	41	46	2,569	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	44,050	8	46	646	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	119	36	46	2,342	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	33	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	110	35	46	1,676	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	49	15	38	647	1,774
Other crops and hay	541	18	46	1,837	3,046
Poultry and eggs	41,533	6	45	168	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,101	11	46	2,134	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	272	20	34	1,899	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	43	46	2,723	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	18	15	46	1,986	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	119	19	46	1,620	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	26	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	814,484	2	38	30	2,328
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	441,030	17	42	398	2,599
Cattle and calves	12,520	12	46	1,877	3,059
All Goats	1,099	13	46	421	2,971
Horses and ponies	918	17	46	1,400	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,679	9	46	1,532	3,059
All Wheat for grain	676	28	45	1,685	2,517
Soybeans	462	31	42	1,675	2,076
Corn for grain	299	34	44	2,118	2,592
Short-rotation woody crops	268	24	41	232	1,262

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	277
\$1,000 to \$2,499	118
\$2,500 to \$4,999	68
\$5,000 to \$9,999	69
\$10,000 to \$19,999	37
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3
\$500,000 or more	28
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,386
Average per farm (\$)	44,353
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	17,622
Average per farm (\$)	27,535

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	307
Other	330
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	563
Female	74
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	776
Black or African American	38
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.