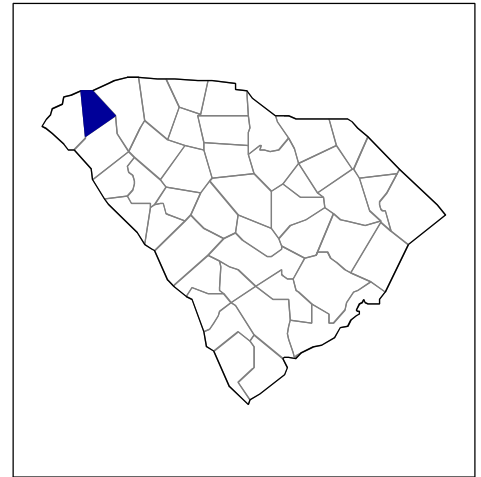


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Number of farms

622 farms in 2002, 727 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

46,509 acres in 2002, 58,446 acres in 1997, down 20 percent.

Average size of farm

75 acres in 2002, 80 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$6,675,000 in 2002, \$6,483,000 in 1997, up 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,220,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,455,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

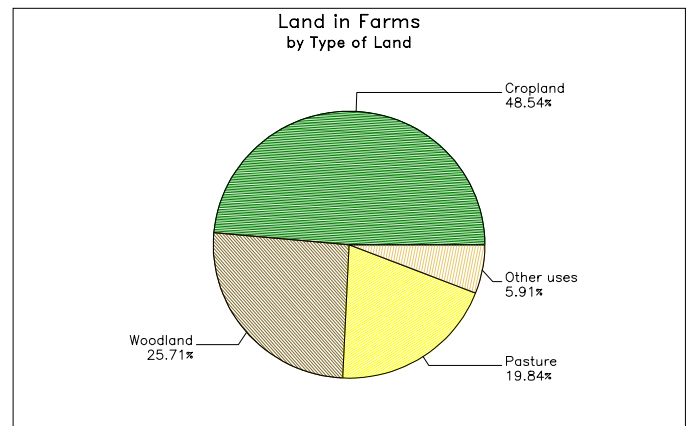
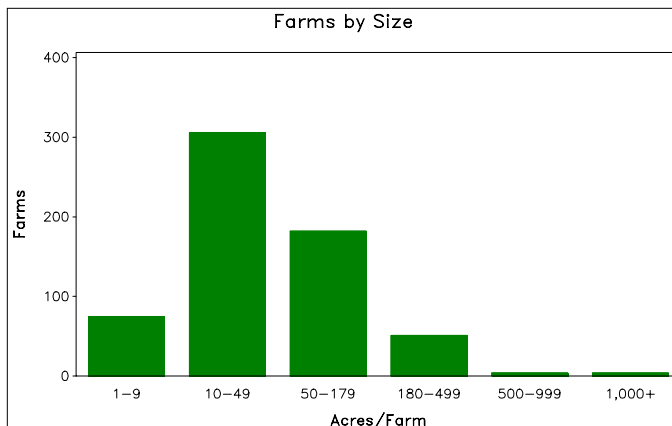
\$10,731 in 2002, \$8,917 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Government Payments

\$56,000 in 2002, \$74,000 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,281 in 2002, \$1,344 in 1997, down 5 percent.



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Pickens, South Carolina

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	6,675	42	46	2,666	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,220	31	46	2,055	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,455	40	46	2,799	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	30	43	46	2,597	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	33	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	150	27	45	1,054	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,402	14	45	589	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	496	20	46	1,906	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5	43	45	2,224	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,211	22	46	2,468	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	35	8	46	1,514	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	152	16	46	1,381	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	26	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	8	12	36	1,897	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	9,090	19	46	2,132	3,059
All Goats	1,688	5	46	232	2,971
Horses and ponies	1,423	10	46	819	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	681	29	44	1,673	2,983
Colonies of bees	392	3	40	683	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,866	18	46	1,976	3,059
Nursery stock	586	4	42	166	2,129
Short-rotation woody crops	416	16	41	154	1,262
Corn for grain	128	40	44	2,272	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	118	28	46	1,176	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	316
\$1,000 to \$2,499	121
\$2,500 to \$4,999	68
\$5,000 to \$9,999	52
\$10,000 to \$19,999	32
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	7,257
Average per farm (\$)	11,705
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-803
Average per farm (\$)	-1,294

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	229
Other	393
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	523
Female	99
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	833
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
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.