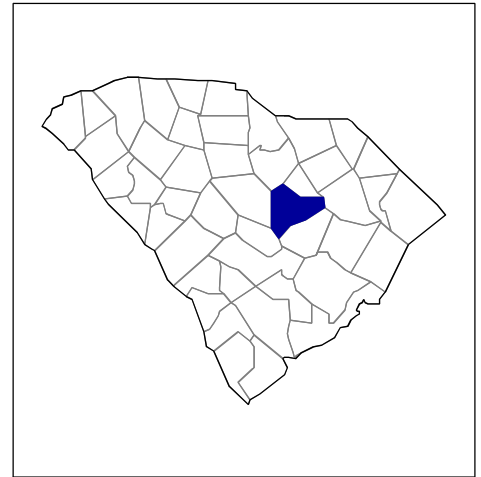




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Sumter, South Carolina



### Number of farms

537 farms in 2002, 501 farms in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Land in farms

135,805 acres in 2002, 148,075 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Average size of farm

253 acres in 2002, 296 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$55,146,000 in 2002, \$65,315,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$15,274,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$39,872,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

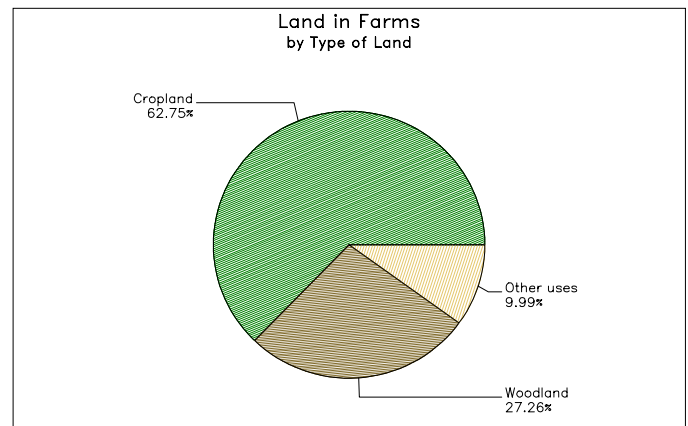
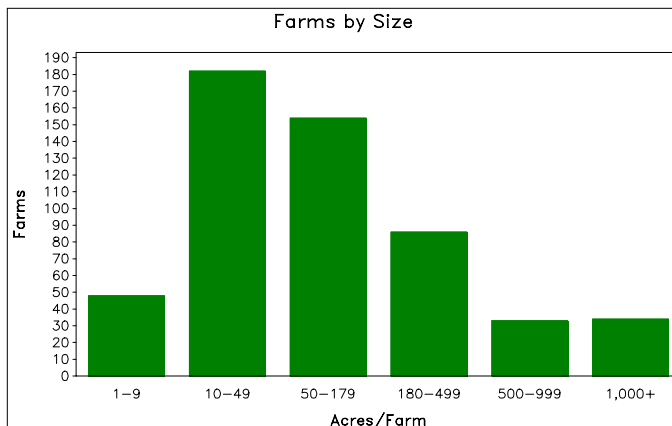
\$102,692 in 2002, \$130,369 in 1997, down 21 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,378,000 in 2002, \$1,282,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,529 in 2002, \$5,696 in 1997, up 15 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	55,146	11	46	1,044	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	15,274	16	46	1,371	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	39,872	11	46	721	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,067	4	46	1,172	2,871
Tobacco	2,550	8	19	170	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,010	11	33	353	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,368	15	45	598	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,287	2	46	1,012	3,046
Poultry and eggs	38,060	8	45	184	2,918
Cattle and calves	767	32	46	2,648	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	296	16	46	1,151	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	17	19	46	2,027	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	15	9	36	1,649	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	999,125	10	42	290	2,599
Quail	(D)	1	29	(D)	1,412
Turkeys	194,022	9	38	111	2,328
Pigeons	(D)	1	25	(D)	1,368
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	20	44	(D)	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	23,699	3	44	760	2,592
Soybeans	19,781	9	42	847	2,076
All Wheat for grain	10,506	6	45	626	2,517
All Cotton	5,671	11	33	313	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,933	25	46	2,441	3,059

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	249	Farming	247
\$1,000 to \$2,499	68	Other	290
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Male	454
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Female	83
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15	White	556
\$500,000 or more	21	Black or African American	148
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	42,868	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	79,385	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	17,237	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	31,920	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	11

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.