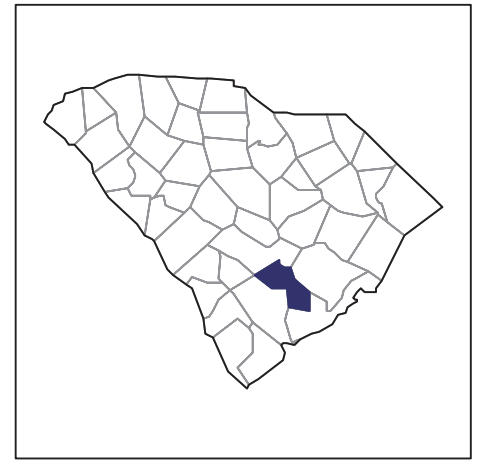


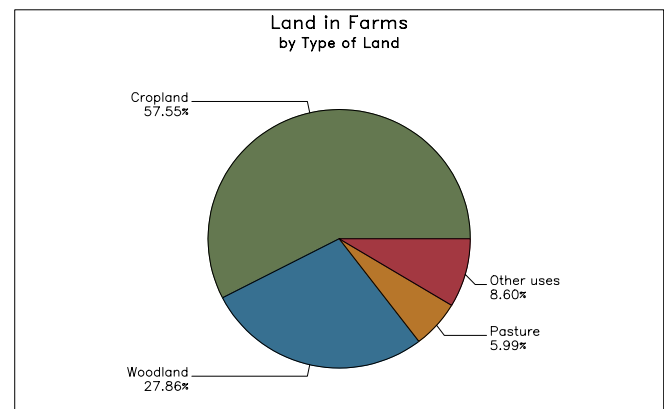
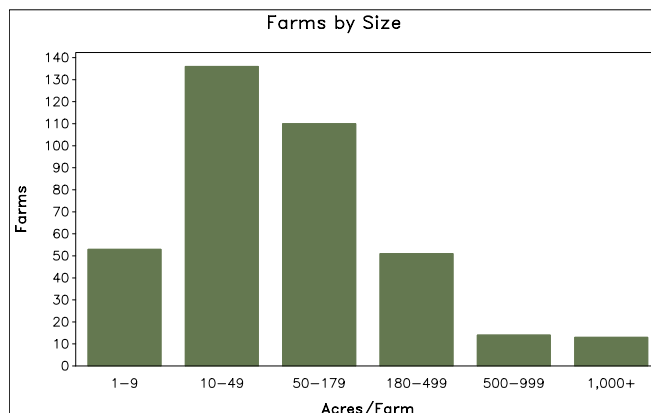
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Dorchester County South Carolina



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	377	365	+ 3
Land in Farms	65,008 acres	57,773 acres	+ 13
Average Size of Farm	172 acres	158 acres	+ 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$32,166,000	\$12,660,000	+ 154
Crop Sales \$14,463,000 (45 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$17,703,000 (55 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$85,322	\$34,684	+ 146
Government Payments	\$1,506,000	\$533,000	+ 183
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$12,874	\$6,751	+ 91



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Dorchester County – South Carolina

Ranked items among the 46 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	32,166	25	46	1,934	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,463	22	46	1,650	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,703	23	46	1,611	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,723	10	45	1,433	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	15	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	2,806	7	33	259	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	306	31	46	1,302	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	160	32	45	1,198	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,498	20	45	721	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	293	6	40	171	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,678	6	46	647	3,054
Poultry and eggs	14,284	23	46	488	3,020
Cattle and calves	616	35	46	2,738	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	27	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	12	45	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,048	5	46	200	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	29	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	8	22	43	2,113	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	8,988	14	44	1,214	2,634
Soybeans for beans	6,999	16	44	1,123	2,039
Cotton, all	6,819	8	33	262	627
Peanuts for nuts	2,921	5	26	104	347
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,314	38	46	2,684	3,060
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	679,410	18	39	352	2,476
Pullets for laying flock replacement	126,739	5	40	214	2,627
Layers	92,369	13	46	401	3,024
Hogs and pigs	6,453	12	46	802	2,958
Cattle and calves	3,254	34	46	2,638	3,060

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	157	Farming	167
\$1,000 to \$2,499	43	Other	210
\$2,500 to \$4,999	29	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47	Male	297
\$10,000 to \$19,999	24	Female	80
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	Black or African American	43
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	23	White	495
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,426	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	72,749	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,589		
Average per farm (\$)	20,130		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.