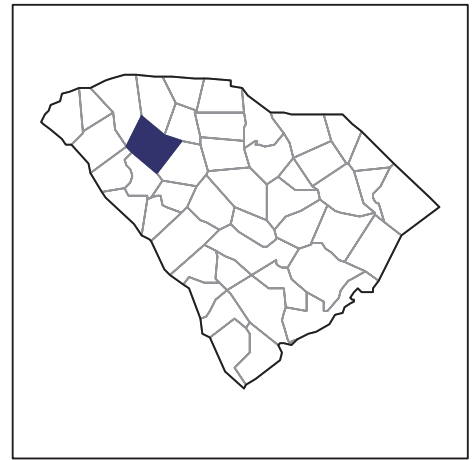


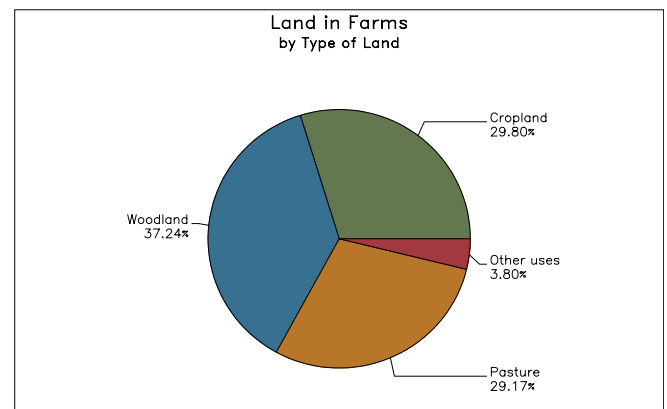
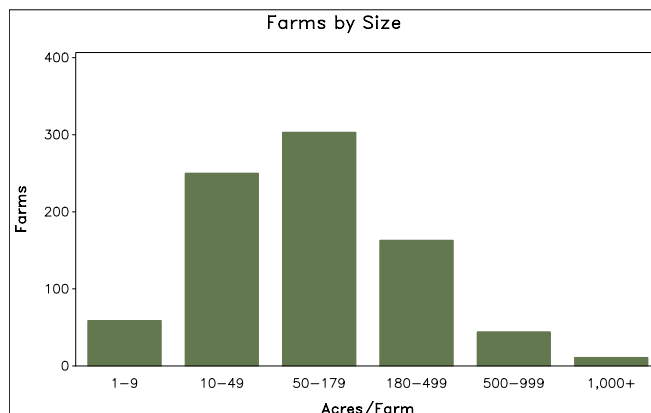
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Laurens County South Carolina



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	830	931	- 11
Land in Farms	130,057 acres	142,732 acres	- 9
Average Size of Farm	157 acres	153 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$38,080,000	\$15,648,000	+ 143
Crop Sales \$2,335,000 (6 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$35,745,000 (94 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$45,880	\$16,808	+ 173
Government Payments	\$804,000	\$562,000	+ 43
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,466	\$3,426	+ 60



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Laurens 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	38,080	22	46	1,794	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,335	40	46	2,532	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	35,745	18	46	1,027	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	65	42	45	2,541	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	15	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	30	33	595	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	37	46	1,409	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	283	22	45	922	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	890	35	45	1,137	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	370	5	40	135	1,710
Other crops and hay	464	30	46	2,207	3,054
Poultry and eggs	24,657	18	46	362	3,020
Cattle and calves	7,525	2	46	1,415	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,296	6	27	881	2,493
Hogs and pigs	9	34	45	2,317	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	29	17	46	2,064	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	146	23	46	1,393	3,024
Aquaculture	14	16	29	979	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	70	5	43	1,195	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,578	2	46	1,037	3,060
Short-rotation woody crops	733	7	42	50	1,134
Soybeans for beans	526	32	44	1,667	2,039
Sorghum for silage	319	2	15	250	1,151
Nursery stock	(D)	12	42	(D)	2,130
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,033,904	13	39	305	2,476
Layers	(D)	15	46	(D)	3,024
Turkeys	(D)	12	41	(D)	2,371
Cattle and calves	21,712	4	46	1,345	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,354	10	46	988	3,066

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	338	Farming	291
\$1,000 to \$2,499	109	Other	539
\$2,500 to \$4,999	84	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	116	Male	717
\$10,000 to \$19,999	75	Female	113
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	Black or African American	43
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	18	White	1,083
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	34,846	More than one race	16
Average per farm (\$)	41,983	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,610		
Average per farm (\$)	6,759		

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.