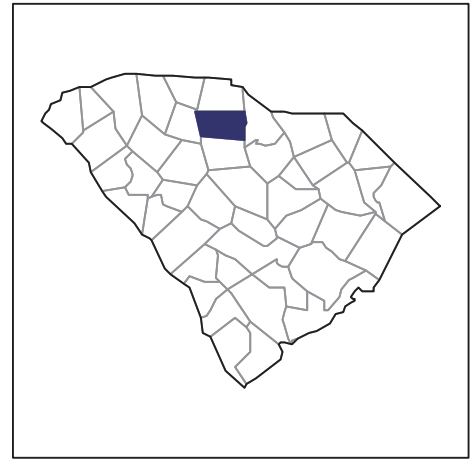


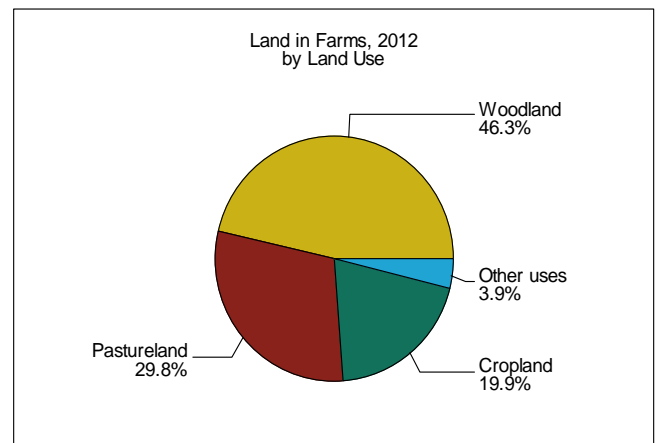
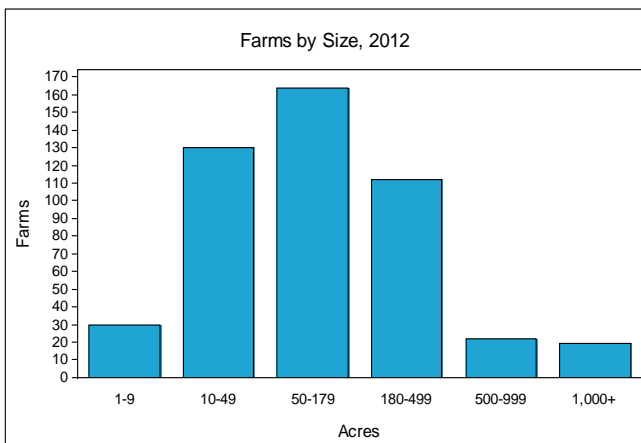
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Chester County South Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	477	544	- 12
Land in Farms	95,506 acres	111,820 acres	- 15
Average Size of Farm	200 acres	206 acres	- 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$42,610,000	\$30,115,000	+ 41
Crop Sales (D)			
Livestock Sales (D)			
Average Per Farm	\$89,329	\$55,359	+ 61
Government Payments	\$376,000	\$377,000	0
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,669	\$6,284	+ 22





Chester County – South Carolina

Ranked items among the 46 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	42,610	25	46	1,897	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	39	46	(D)	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	17	46	(D)	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	746	36	46	2,301	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	14	15	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	1,603	25	32	390	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	635	29	46	1,007	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	355	19	45	835	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	28	33	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,420	29	46	1,622	3,049
Poultry and eggs	28,013	18	46	358	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	5	21	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	27	28	46	2,278	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,213	3	46	195	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	22	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,072	1	45	239	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,785	11	46	1,556	3,057
Cotton, all	1,815	25	32	426	635
Upland cotton	1,815	25	32	426	635
Wheat for grain, all	923	34	44	1,686	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	923	34	44	1,619	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	159,512	11	42	121	2,416
Layers	104,259	11	46	360	3,040
Roosters	12,364	6	36	162	2,120
Cattle and calves	11,133	10	46	1,849	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,288	30	44	868	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	172	Farming	190
\$1,000 to \$2,499	39	Other	287
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	63	Male	405
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52	Female	72
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	20	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	Black or African American	48
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	15	White	656
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	33,628	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	70,499	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,380		
Average per farm (\$)	21,762		

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.