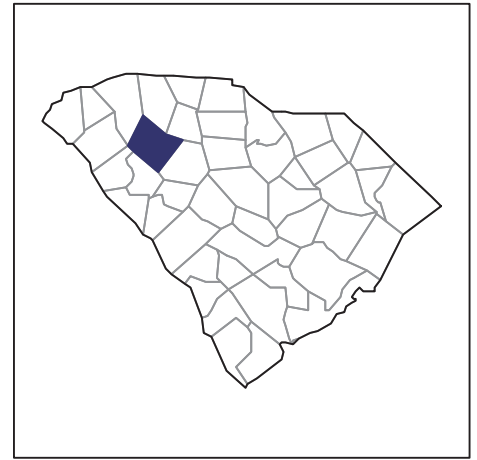


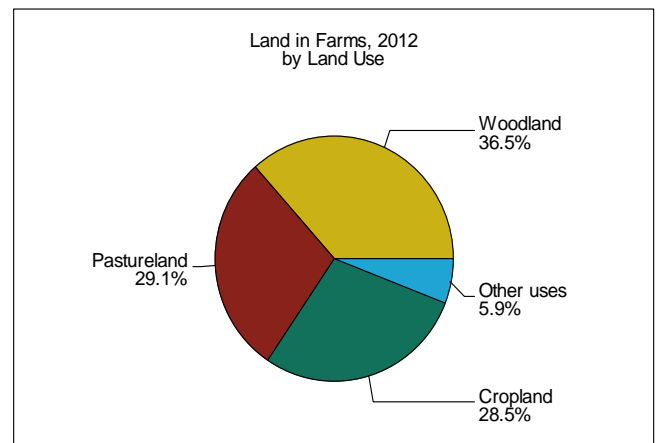
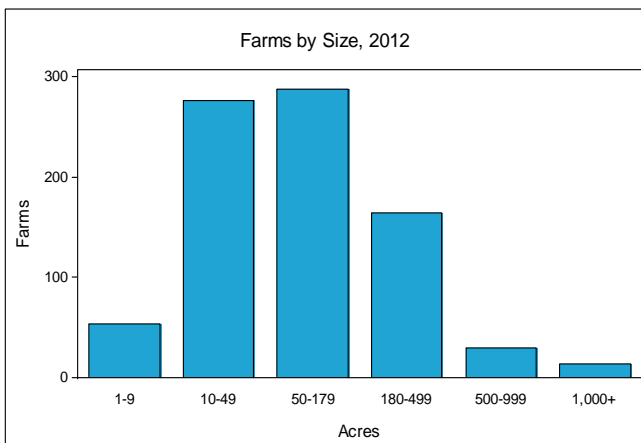
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Laurens County South Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	826	830	0
Land in Farms	122,659 acres	130,057 acres	- 6
Average Size of Farm	148 acres	157 acres	- 6
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Market Value of Products Sold	\$40,912,000	\$38,080,000	+ 7
Crop Sales (D)			
Livestock Sales (D)			
Average Per Farm	\$49,530	\$45,880	+ 8
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Government Payments	\$1,085,000	\$804,000	+ 35
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,750	\$5,466	+ 60





Laurens 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	40,912	26	46	1,923	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	33	46	(D)	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	18	46	(D)	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	270	41	46	2,532	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	15	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	32	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	587	30	46	1,042	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	319	22	45	881	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	16	44	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,214	21	46	918	3,049
Poultry and eggs	24,299	20	46	393	3,013
Cattle and calves	5,285	4	46	1,774	3,056
Milk from cows	2,997	6	21	879	2,038
Hogs and pigs	7	35	45	2,247	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	52	19	46	1,879	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	22	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	26,450	2	46	717	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	916	35	44	1,690	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	916	35	44	1,623	2,480
Short-rotation woody crops	851	4	34	20	793
Sorghum for silage	(D)	3	19	(D)	1,076
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,242,637	11	44	275	2,723
Layers	(D)	12	46	(D)	3,040
Cattle and calves	14,870	4	46	1,598	3,063
Horses and ponies	1,477	12	46	742	3,072
Goats, all	855	14	46	690	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	332	Farming	292
\$1,000 to \$2,499	78	Other	534
\$2,500 to \$4,999	87	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	91	Male	700
\$10,000 to \$19,999	117	Female	126
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	18	Black or African American	39
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	20	White	1,161
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	37,334	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	45,199	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,784		
Average per farm (\$)	7,002		

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.