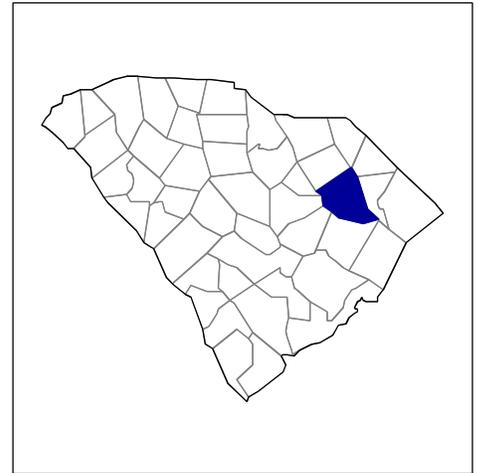




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Number of farms

612 farms in 2002, 762 farms in 1997, down 20 percent.

Land in farms

171,388 acres in 2002, 179,029 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

280 acres in 2002, 235 acres in 1997, up 19 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$35,055,000 in 2002, \$74,292,000 in 1997, down 53 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$29,761,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,294,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

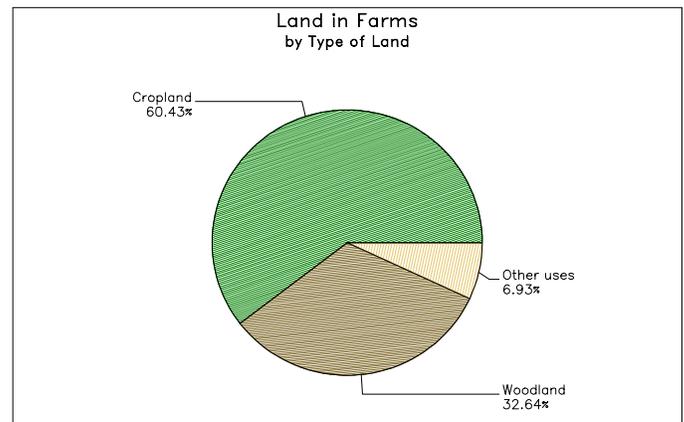
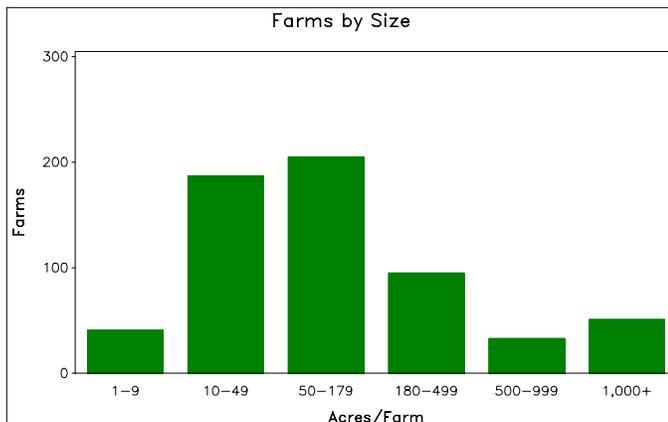
\$57,280 in 2002, \$97,496 in 1997, down 41 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,611,000 in 2002, \$1,390,000 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,783 in 2002, \$4,483 in 1997, up 74 percent.



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

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	35,055	18	46	1,565	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	29,761	6	46	868	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,294	27	46	2,320	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,392	7	46	1,208	2,871
Tobacco	17,801	2	19	17	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,266	10	33	335	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,965	7	46	432	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,460	26	45	937	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	526	19	46	1,859	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4,379	25	45	644	2,918
Cattle and calves	504	36	46	2,747	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	322	15	46	1,129	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	43	33	46	2,415	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	26	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	32	36	2,594	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,015,197	9	42	286	2,599
Quail	(D)	6	29	(D)	1,412
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	21	44	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	4,268	33	46	2,592	3,059
Hogs and pigs	1,867	17	46	1,152	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	40,610	1	42	618	2,076
Corn for grain	13,459	6	44	941	2,592
All Cotton	9,803	9	33	262	663
Tobacco	5,676	2	19	9	563
All Wheat for grain	5,626	10	45	869	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	226	Farming	348
\$1,000 to \$2,499	72	Other	264
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	43	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40	Male	532
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	80
\$25,000 to \$39,999	38		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	24		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	42	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	White	670
\$500,000 or more	20	Black or African American	96
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	37,608	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Average per farm (\$)	61,052	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,672	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	5,962	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

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

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.