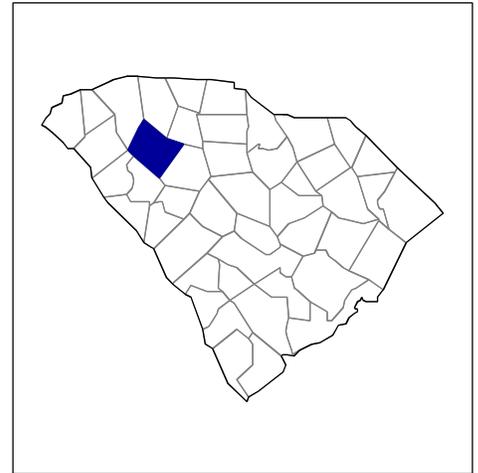




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Laurens, South Carolina



### Number of farms

931 farms in 2002, 880 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Land in farms

142,732 acres in 2002, 140,190 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Average size of farm

153 acres in 2002, 159 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$15,648,000 in 2002, \$19,295,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,069,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,579,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

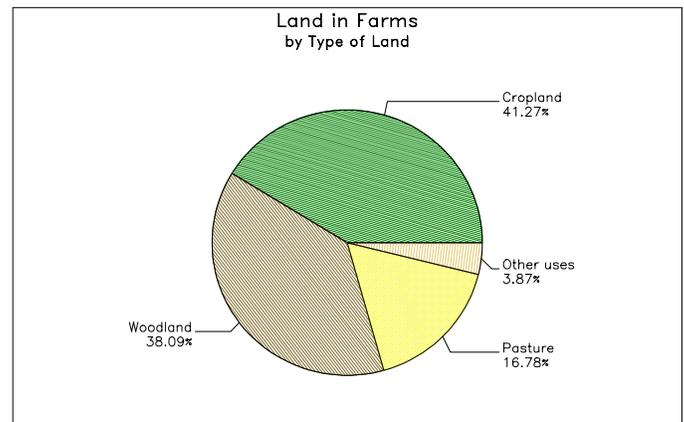
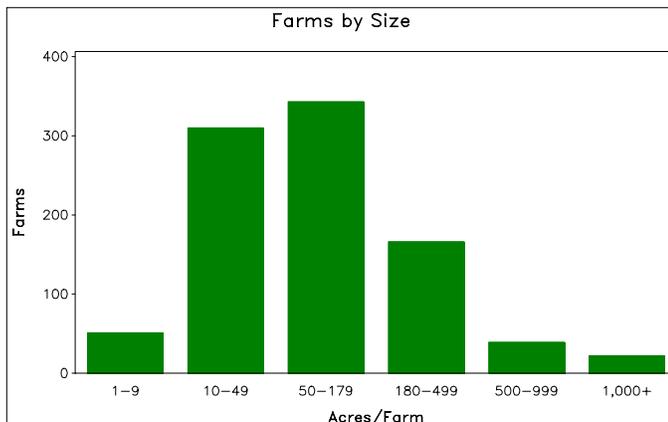
\$16,808 in 2002, \$21,926 in 1997, down 23 percent.

### Government Payments

\$562,000 in 2002, \$339,000 in 1997, up 66 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,426 in 2002, \$2,147 in 1997, up 60 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	15,648	31	46	2,253	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,069	39	46	2,501	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,579	21	46	1,625	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	53	40	46	2,517	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	33	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	313	23	46	1,169	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	398	17	45	620	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	512	31	45	1,414	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	27	21	38	850	1,774
Other crops and hay	766	9	46	1,509	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6,615	22	45	551	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,197	4	46	1,662	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,506	8	34	922	2,493
Hogs and pigs	8	35	46	2,380	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	13	24	46	2,153	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	164	14	46	1,303	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	26	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	436,306	18	42	399	2,599
Turkeys	61,009	13	38	205	2,328
Cattle and calves	24,540	3	46	1,259	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,439	9	46	808	3,065
All Goats	903	17	46	543	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,418	2	46	1,001	3,059
Sorghum for silage	616	2	19	161	1,387
All Wheat for grain	337	35	45	1,908	2,517
Short-rotation woody crops	203	27	41	275	1,262
All Vegetables harvested	168	24	46	1,029	2,710

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	390
\$1,000 to \$2,499	157
\$2,500 to \$4,999	114
\$5,000 to \$9,999	95
\$10,000 to \$19,999	82
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16
\$25,000 to \$39,999	32
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2
\$500,000 or more	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,900
Average per farm (\$)	19,144
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-120
Average per farm (\$)	-128

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	437
Other	494
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	822
Female	109
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,184
Black or African American	45
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	1
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	14

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.