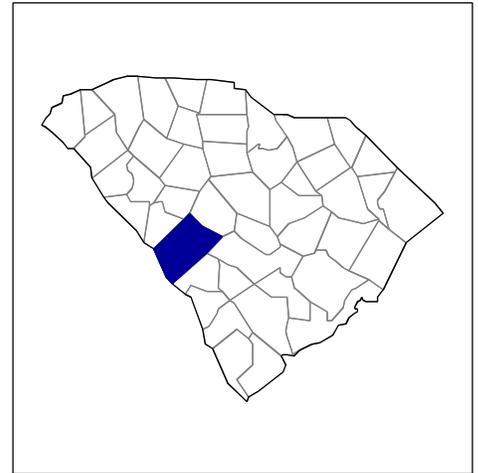




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Aiken, South Carolina



Number of farms

929 farms in 2002, 958 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

143,942 acres in 2002, 148,747 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

155 acres in 2002, 155 acres in 1997, unchanged.

Market Value of Production

\$50,450,000 in 2002, \$66,878,000 in 1997, down 25 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,949,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$42,501,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

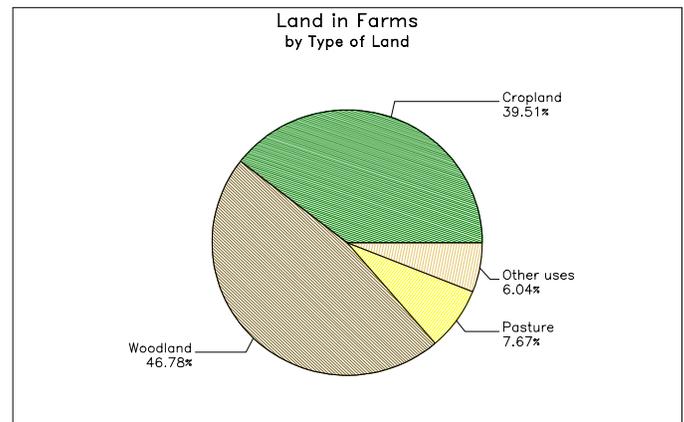
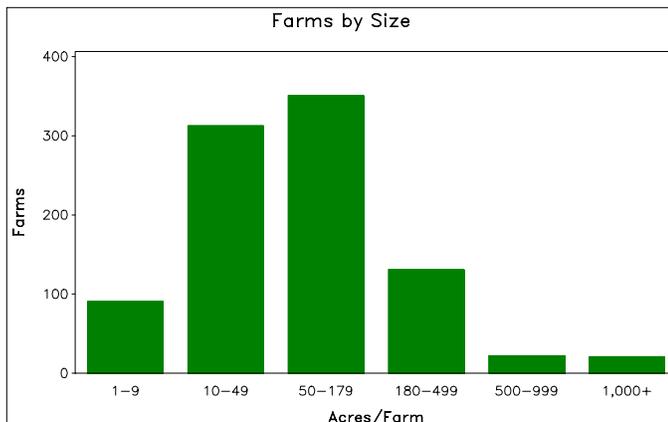
\$54,306 in 2002, \$69,810 in 1997, down 22 percent.

Government Payments

\$640,000 in 2002, \$591,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,130 in 2002, \$2,572 in 1997, up 61 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 | 50,450 | 13 | 46 | 1,156 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 7,949 | 27 | 46 | 1,808 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 42,501 | 10 | 46 | 678 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 661 | 23 | 46 | 1,907 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | - | - | 19 | - | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | 682 | 13 | 33 | 389 | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 929 | 15 | 46 | 788 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 45 | (D) | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | (D) | (D) | 45 | (D) | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | (D) | 38 | (D) | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,034 | 4 | 46 | 1,206 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | 35,965 | 9 | 45 | 193 | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 1,564 | 18 | 46 | 2,319 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 43 | 24 | 34 | 2,275 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 169 | 21 | 46 | 1,303 | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 44 | 4 | 46 | 1,357 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 4,707 | 1 | 46 | 18 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | 4 | 16 | 26 | 1,121 | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 6 | 16 | 36 | 2,027 | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 4,633,022 | 2 | 42 | 89 | 2,599 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 92,219 | 12 | 44 | 415 | 2,983 |
| Cattle and calves | 10,634 | 14 | 46 | 2,005 | 3,059 |
| Horses and ponies | 2,758 | 2 | 46 | 256 | 3,065 |
| Hogs and pigs | 2,112 | 15 | 46 | 1,120 | 2,926 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 15,109 | 6 | 46 | 1,367 | 3,059 |
| All Cotton | 5,027 | 12 | 33 | 331 | 663 |
| Soybeans | 2,809 | 21 | 42 | 1,311 | 2,076 |
| Corn for grain | 2,332 | 23 | 44 | 1,519 | 2,592 |
| All Wheat for grain | 1,178 | 21 | 45 | 1,482 | 2,517 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 392 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 131 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 125 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 84 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 69 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 17 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 15 |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 9 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 13 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 21 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 18 |
| \$500,000 or more | 35 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 48,829 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 52,845 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 14,188 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 15,355 |

| Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Farming | 467 |
| Other | 462 |
| Principal operators by sex: | |
| Male | 736 |
| Female | 193 |
| Average age of principal operator (years) | 55.2 |
| All operators ² by race: | |
| White | 1,210 |
| Black or African American | 111 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 9 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 3 |
| Asian | - |
| More than one race | 7 |
| All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 15 |

(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.