

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Dorchester, South Carolina

Number of farms

365 farms in 2002, 396 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

57,773 acres in 2002, 70,657 acres in 1997, down 18 percent.

Average size of farm

158 acres in 2002, 178 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$12,660,000 in 2002, \$23,247,000 in 1997, down 46 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,634,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,025,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

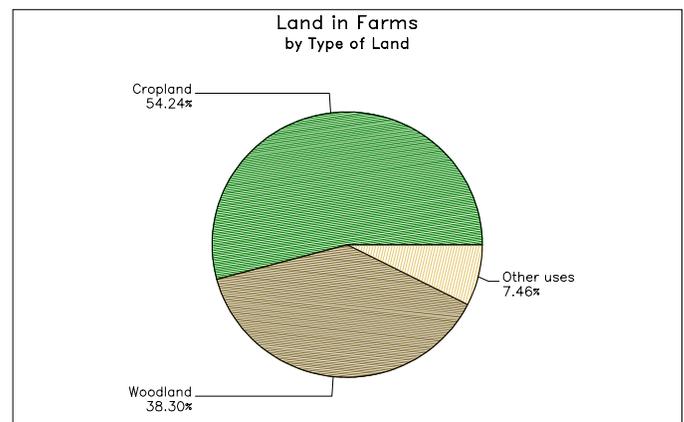
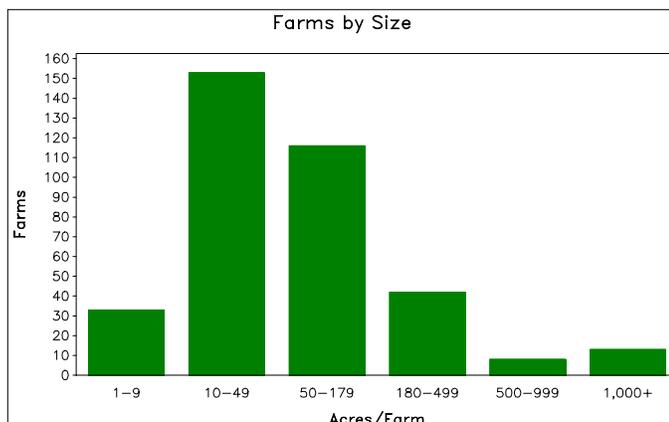
\$34,684 in 2002, \$58,704 in 1997, down 41 percent.

Government Payments

\$533,000 in 2002, \$514,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,751 in 2002, \$4,548 in 1997, up 48 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	12,660	34	46	2,377	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,634	37	46	2,397	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,025	23	46	1,882	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,100	17	46	1,746	2,871
Tobacco	534	15	19	315	560
Cotton and cottonseed	395	17	33	439	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	230	29	46	1,310	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	181	22	45	957	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	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	8,250	20	45	506	2,918
Cattle and calves	853	31	46	2,610	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	6	33	46	2,506	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	63	31	46	2,203	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	26	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	422,080	19	42	405	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	190,999	7	44	290	2,983
Cattle and calves	4,310	32	46	2,587	3,059
Hogs and pigs	2,604	14	46	1,074	2,926
Horses and ponies	663	24	46	1,814	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	6,860	12	44	1,157	2,592
All Cotton	3,653	15	33	368	663
Soybeans	2,963	19	42	1,303	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,446	35	46	2,672	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	884	5	41	49	1,262

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	172
\$1,000 to \$2,499	62
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30
\$5,000 to \$9,999	36
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,946
Average per farm (\$)	38,103
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	50
Average per farm (\$)	138

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	170
Other	195
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	308
Female	57
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	443
Black or African American	54
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	4
More than one race	4
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.