

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Cherokee, South Carolina

Number of farms

430 farms in 2002, 529 farms in 1997, down 19 percent.

Land in farms

64,020 acres in 2002, 72,957 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm

149 acres in 2002, 138 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$23,990,000 in 2002, \$13,510,000 in 1997, up 78 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,890,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$22,100,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

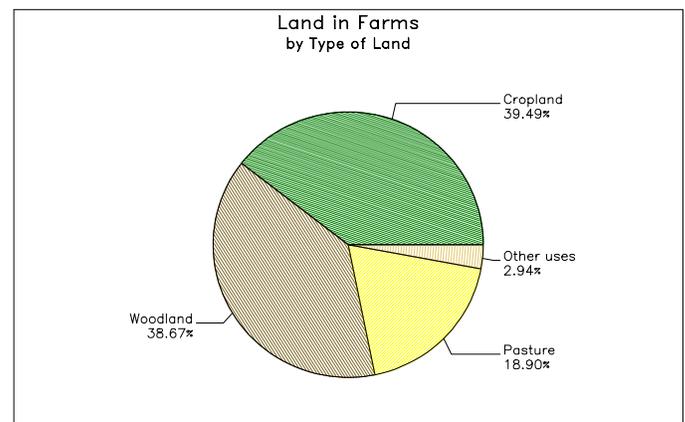
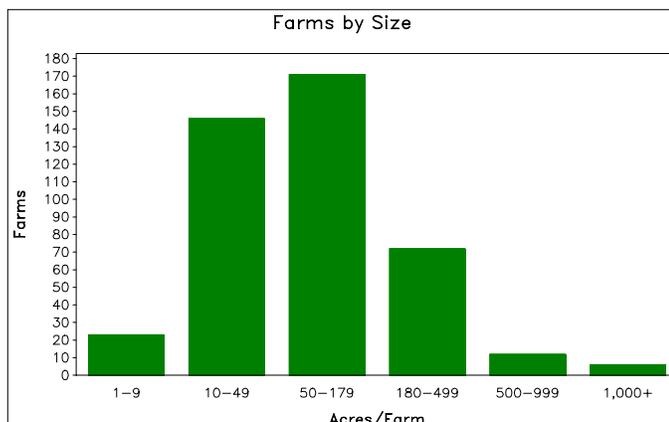
\$55,791 in 2002, \$25,539 in 1997, up 118 percent.

Government Payments

\$126,000 in 2002, \$169,000 in 1997, down 25 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,447 in 2002, \$2,011 in 1997, down 28 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	23,990	24	46	1,918	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,890	40	46	2,524	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	22,100	16	46	1,223	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	33	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	79	40	46	1,834	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	202	36	45	1,810	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	38	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	287	27	46	2,329	3,046
Poultry and eggs	20,165	15	45	306	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,711	15	46	2,272	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3	41	46	2,636	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	172	13	46	1,257	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	26	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	179,001	10	38	123	2,328
Cattle and calves	9,468	17	46	2,100	3,059
Horses and ponies	711	21	46	1,722	3,065
All Goats	442	31	46	1,106	2,971
Quail	(D)	16	29	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,553	16	46	1,820	3,059
Peaches	566	8	41	44	1,773
All Wheat for grain	175	40	45	2,068	2,517
Oats	84	38	45	1,564	2,215
Soybeans	82	38	42	1,914	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	175
\$1,000 to \$2,499	75
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-
\$500,000 or more	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,302
Average per farm (\$)	35,504
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,170
Average per farm (\$)	21,276

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	192
Other	238
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	385
Female	45
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	555
Black or African American	4
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.