

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Fairfield, South Carolina

### Number of farms

237 farms in 2002, 222 farms in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Land in farms

56,375 acres in 2002, 51,095 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Average size of farm

238 acres in 2002, 230 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$16,307,000 in 2002, \$13,614,000 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$752,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$15,555,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

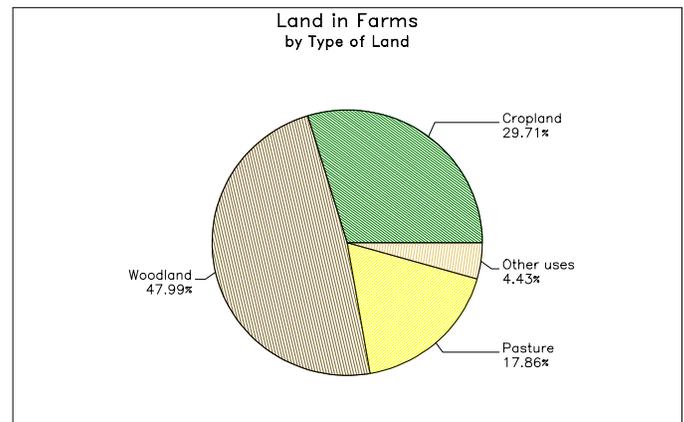
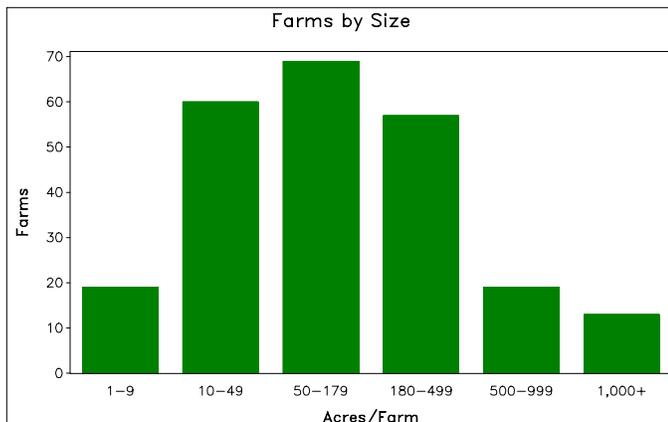
\$68,804 in 2002, \$61,324 in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Government Payments

\$74,000 in 2002, \$51,000 in 1997, up 45 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,222 in 2002, \$2,851 in 1997, up 13 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	16,307	30	46	2,230	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	752	44	46	2,816	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,555	20	46	1,516	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	30	44	46	2,602	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	33	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	45	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	357	2	38	164	1,774
Other crops and hay	222	29	46	2,472	3,046
Poultry and eggs	13,659	17	45	380	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,157	25	46	2,488	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	44	46	2,789	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	39	46	2,694	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	26	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	36	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	406,800	4	38	67	2,328
Cattle and calves	6,009	24	46	2,421	3,059
Horses and ponies	394	34	46	2,388	3,065
Ducks	(D)	9	43	(D)	2,630
All Goats	239	42	46	1,675	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,773	19	46	2,091	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	653	9	41	77	1,262
Corn for grain	299	34	44	2,118	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	3	36	(D)	1,877
All Wheat for grain	151	41	45	2,099	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	106
\$1,000 to \$2,499	36
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,205
Average per farm (\$)	52,158
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,300
Average per farm (\$)	18,376

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	89
Other	148
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	213
Female	24
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	279
Black or African American	41
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	3
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.