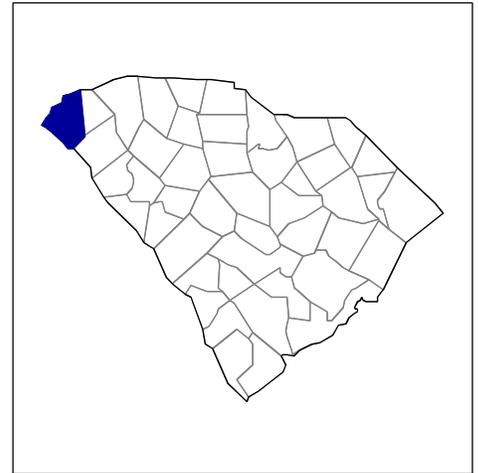




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Number of farms

878 farms in 2002, 789 farms in 1997, up 11 percent.

Land in farms

78,349 acres in 2002, 77,027 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

89 acres in 2002, 98 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$56,398,000 in 2002, \$46,671,000 in 1997, up 21 percent.

Crop sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

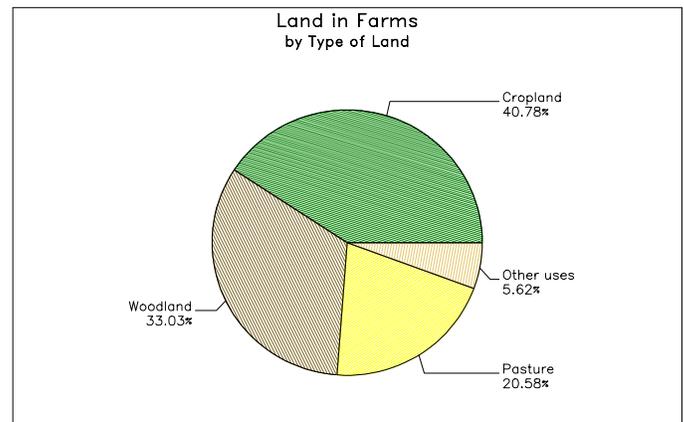
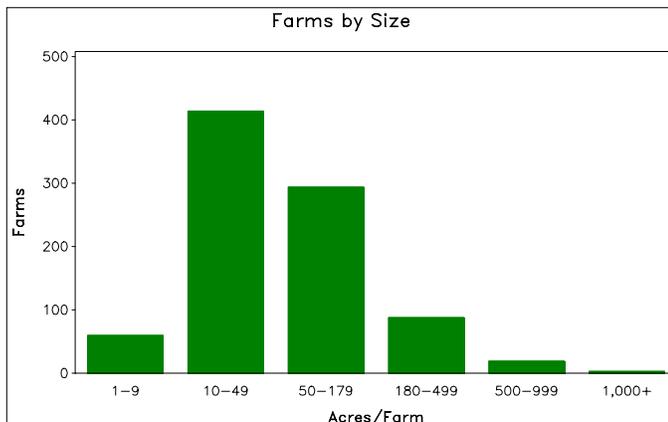
\$64,234 in 2002, \$59,152 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$288,000 in 2002, \$162,000 in 1997, up 78 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,508 in 2002, \$2,419 in 1997, up 45 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	56,398	10	46	1,018	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	240	29	46	2,187	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	260	28	46	1,246	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	794	11	45	408	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	93	8	38	459	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	48,360	5	45	137	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,158	8	46	1,871	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	606	15	34	1,573	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	16	20	46	2,067	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	118	20	46	1,626	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	26	(D)	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	4,079,397	3	42	103	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	333,843	5	44	211	2,983
Cattle and calves	19,828	6	46	1,459	3,059
Hogs and pigs	1,266	22	46	1,277	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,217	13	46	1,016	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,003	8	46	1,503	3,059
Apples	1,176	1	38	54	2,173
Soybeans	1,055	27	42	1,521	2,076
All Wheat for grain	894	25	45	1,589	2,517
Corn for grain	410	31	44	2,034	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	350	Farming	355
\$1,000 to \$2,499	170	Other	523
\$2,500 to \$4,999	113		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	80	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	67	Male	786
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	92
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15	White	1,159
\$500,000 or more	31	Black or African American	26
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	42,822	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	48,827	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	16,574	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	18,899	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.