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2007 SOUTH CAROLINA FARM NUMBERS UP

The number of farms in **SOUTH CAROLINA** in 2007 is estimated at 24,700, up 100 from 2006, the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office announced today. Total land in farms for 2007 is 4.85 million acres, unchanged from 2006. The average size of farms in 2007 was 196 acres, down 1 acre from 2006. Farms with \$100,000 or more in sales totaled 1,800 in 2007, accounting for 7.3 percent of all farms. Of the total farms in South Carolina in 2007, 10,000 had cattle, 200 less than 2006. There were 1,100 operations with one or more hogs, the same as 2006.

The number of farms in the **UNITED STATES** in 2007 is estimated at 2.08 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2006. Total land in farms, at 930.9 million acres, decreased 1.5 million acres, or 0.16 percent, from 2006. The average farm size was 449 acres during 2007, an increase of three acres from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND AVERAGE SIZE, SOUTH CAROLINA, 2002 – 2007 1/

| YEAR | SOUTH CAROLINA | | |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Number of Farms | Land in Farms | Average Size Farms |
| | - Number - | - Thou. Acres - | - Acres - |
| 2002 | 24,500 | 4,850 | 199 |
| 2003 | 24,400 | 4,850 | 199 |
| 2004 | 24,400 | 4,850 | 199 |
| 2005 | 24,500 | 4,850 | 198 |
| 2006 | 24,600 | 4,850 | 197 |
| 2007 2/ | 24,700 | 4,850 | 196 |

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. 2/ Preliminary.