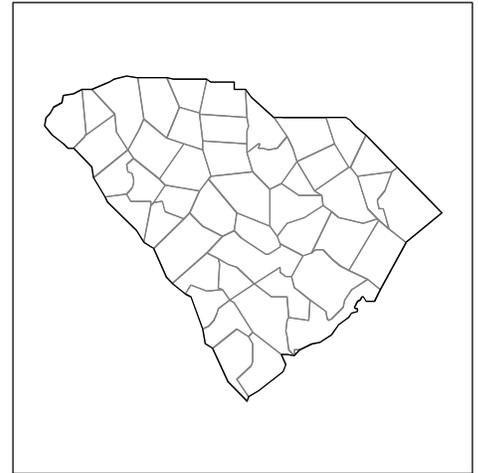




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Number of farms

24,541 farms in 2002, 25,807 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

4,845,923 acres in 2002, 4,974,138 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

197 acres in 2002, 193 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,489,750,000 in 2002, \$1,679,193,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$593,245,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$896,505,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

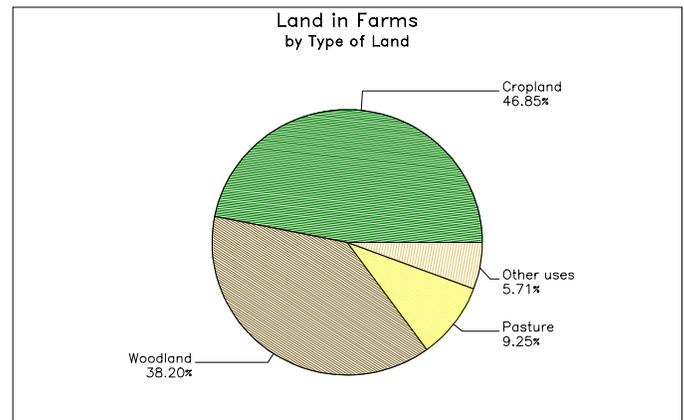
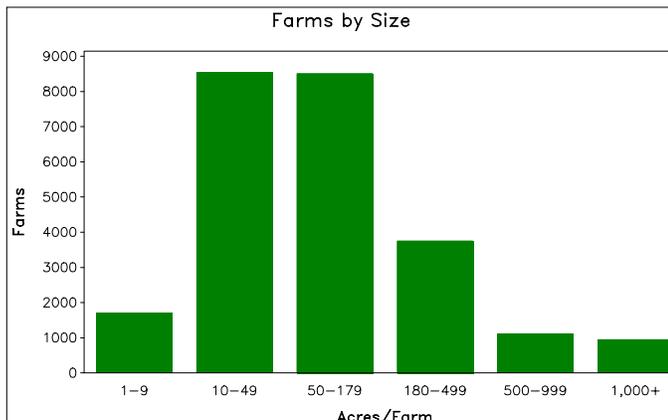
\$60,705 in 2002, \$65,067 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$38,384,000 in 2002, \$30,931,000 in 1997, up 24 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,280 in 2002, \$4,511 in 1997, up 39 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,489,750	35	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	593,245	34	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	896,505	32	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	81,580	32	50
Tobacco	104,521	5	23
Cotton and cottonseed	33,101	13	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	90,457	22	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	40,003	18	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	219,980	20	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	2,427	18	50
Other crops and hay	21,177	40	50
Poultry and eggs	694,290	12	50
Cattle and calves	76,146	39	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	46,240	40	50
Hogs and pigs	61,589	23	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	878	42	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	13,825	25	50
Aquaculture	3,173	33	50
Other animals and other animal products	363	48	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	32,372,047	15	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	5,583,892	16	50
Turkeys	4,636,236	7	50
Quail	781,960	2	50
Cattle and calves	432,265	38	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Soybeans	350,272	22	41
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	342,207	37	50
Corn for grain	240,085	25	49
All Cotton	208,420	12	17
All Wheat for grain	155,776	29	48

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	10,752
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3,744
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,543
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,204
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,683
\$20,000 to \$24,999	434
\$25,000 to \$39,999	676
\$40,000 to \$49,999	245
\$50,000 to \$99,999	600
\$100,000 to \$249,999	571
\$250,000 to \$499,999	399
\$500,000 or more	690
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,313,233
Average per farm (\$)	53,525
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	311,880
Average per farm (\$)	12,712

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	11,377
Other	13,164
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	21,030
Female	3,511
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	30,303
Black or African American	2,262
American Indian or Alaska Native	113
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	14
Asian	35
More than one race	101
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	373

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.