Laurens County
South Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	840	+2
Land in farms (acres)	122,322	(Z)
Average size of farm (acres)	146	-2
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	70,896,000	+73
Government payments	957,000	-12
Farm-related income	2,463,000	+120
Total farm production expenses	54,741,000	+47
Net cash farm income	19,575,000	+238
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	84,400	+70
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	6,381	-27
Farm-related income	11,095	+80
Total farm production expenses	65,168	+44
Net cash farm income	23,304	+233

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	13
Livestock, poultry, and products	87

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	33
Pastureland	26
Woodland	32
Other	8

Acres irrigated: 410

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	8
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	430	51
$2,500 to $4,999	96	11
$5,000 to $9,999	88	10
$10,000 to $24,999	108	13
$25,000 to $49,999	42	5
$50,000 to $99,999	34	4
$100,000 or more	42	5

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	97	12
10 to 49 acres	280	33
50 to 179 acres	270	32
180 to 499 acres	145	17
500 to 999 acres	30	4
1,000 + acres	18	2

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales ($1,000)	Rank in State [b]	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. [b]	Counties Producing Item
Total	**70,896**	**19**	**46**	**1,462**	**3,077**
Crops	**9,212**	**32**	**46**	**2,081**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	577	37	46	2,231	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	31	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	947	21	46	764	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	365	16	45	760	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	15	41	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	4	31	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	4,139	10	46	611	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**61,684**	**12**	**46**	**805**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	44,654	15	45	279	3,007
Cattle and calves	12,223	2	46	1,115	3,055
Milk from cows	4,631	5	26	624	1,892
Hogs and pigs	17	23	44	1,425	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	61	14	46	1,607	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	79	24	46	1,573	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	22	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	19	17	45	1,332	2,878

Total Producers [c]   1,328

Sex
Male — 837
Female — 491

Age
<35 — 76
35 – 64 — 801
65 and older — 451

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native — 4
Asian — -
Black or African American — 75
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander — -
White — 1,244
More than one race — 5

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin — 5
With military service — 155
New and beginning farmers — 445

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **78**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **8**

Hire farm labor **17**

Are family farms **100**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	28,840
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,079
Wheat for grain, all	602
Sorghum for silage/greenchop	(D)
Soybeans for beans	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,229,488
Cattle and calves	20,709
Goats	1,154
Hogs and pigs	138
Horses and ponies	1,096
Layers	(D)
Pullets	353
Sheep and lambs	575
Turkeys	77

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.
[a] May not add to 100% due to rounding. [b] Among counties whose rank can be displayed. [c] Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.
[d] Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. [e] Position below the line does not indicate rank.
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.