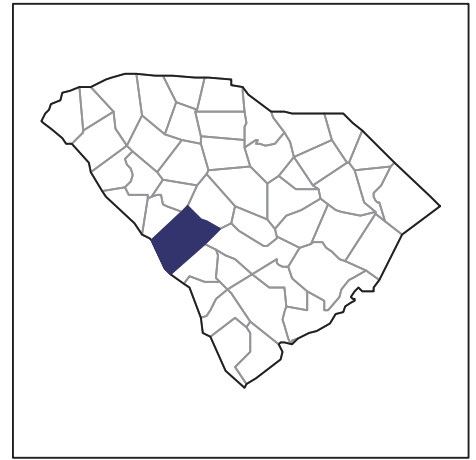


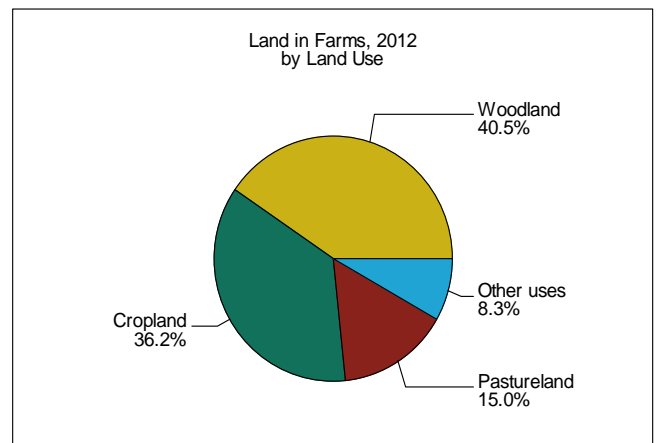
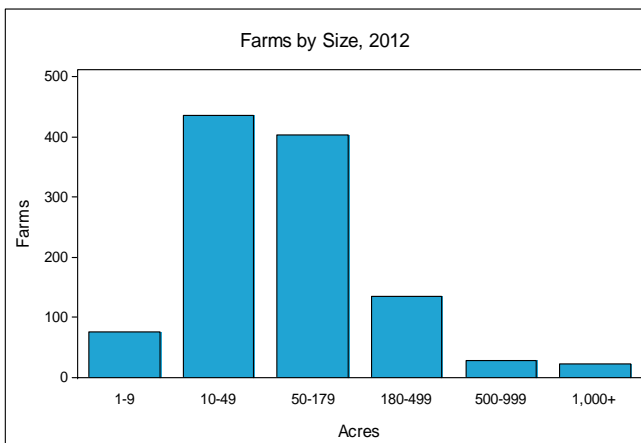
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Aiken County South Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,102	1,206	- 9
Land in Farms	154,351 acres	159,312 acres	- 3
Average Size of Farm	140 acres	132 acres	+ 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$96,343,000	\$102,796,000	- 6
Crop Sales \$15,743,000 (16 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$80,600,000 (84 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$87,426	\$85,237	+ 3
Government Payments	\$892,000	\$1,497,000	- 40
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,038	\$5,690	- 11





Aiken County – South Carolina

Ranked items among the 46 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	96,343	15	46	1,206	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	15,743	27	46	1,850	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	80,600	10	46	603	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,405	21	46	1,793	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	15	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	3,817	16	32	298	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	864	23	46	896	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	328	21	45	872	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,471	18	44	689	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	2	31	33	1,301	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,857	15	46	767	3,049
Poultry and eggs	76,251	9	46	166	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,000	17	46	2,329	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	21	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	61	16	45	1,387	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	126	3	46	1,172	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,017	1	46	91	3,011
Aquaculture	11	12	22	932	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	135	6	45	943	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,493	6	46	1,222	3,057
Cotton, all	4,727	17	32	331	635
Upland cotton	4,727	17	32	330	635
Soybeans for beans	4,112	18	42	1,335	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	3,942	14	44	1,083	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,697,972	5	44	134	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	282,308	2	40	120	2,637
Layers	172,480	6	46	290	3,040
Roosters	20,261	4	36	111	2,120
Cattle and calves	8,702	12	46	2,037	3,063

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	444	Farming	374
\$1,000 to \$2,499	112	Other	728
\$2,500 to \$4,999	123	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	127	Male	868
\$10,000 to \$19,999	84	Female	234
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	46	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	42	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	13	Black or African American	134
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	57	White	1,510
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	91,839	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	83,338	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	44
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,133		
Average per farm (\$)	8,288		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero.

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.