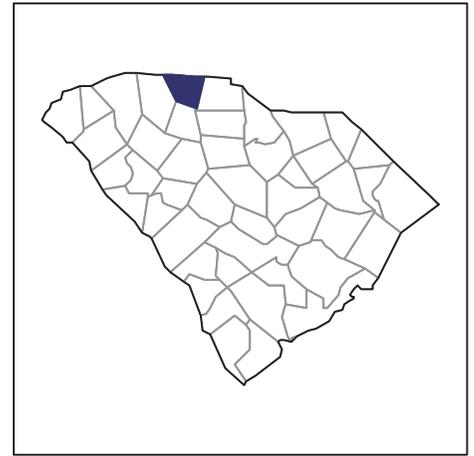


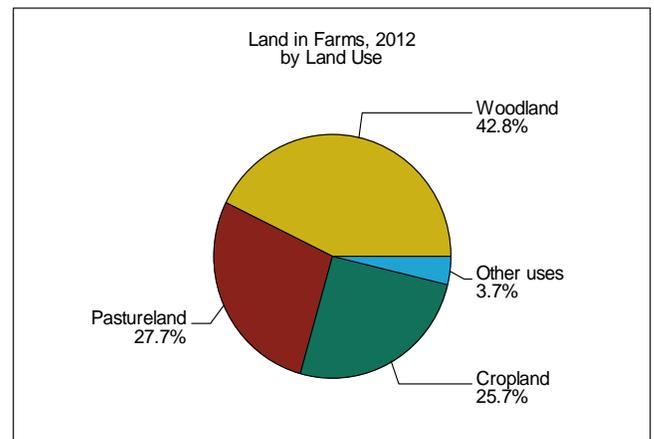
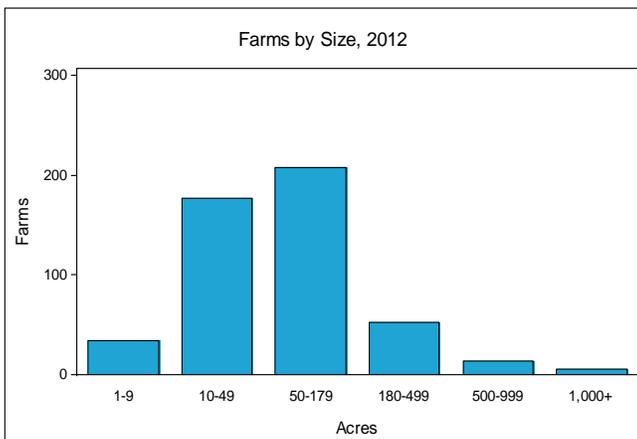
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Cherokee County South Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	490	416	+ 18
Land in Farms	64,601 acres	62,729 acres	+ 3
Average Size of Farm	132 acres	151 acres	- 13
Market Value of Products Sold	\$24,048,000	\$40,379,000	- 40
Crop Sales \$9,776,000 (41 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$14,271,000 (59 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$49,077	\$97,065	- 49
Government Payments	\$625,000	\$562,000	+ 11
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,015	\$6,937	+ 16





Cherokee 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	24,048	35	46	2,265	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,776	32	46	2,107	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,271	26	46	1,874	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	613	37	46	2,350	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	15	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	32	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	385	17	45	803	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	43	44	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	12,311	24	46	556	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,856	18	46	2,368	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	21	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	2	43	45	2,611	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	30	27	46	2,220	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	56	38	46	2,216	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	22	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	17	25	45	2,004	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,113	16	46	1,718	3,057
Soybeans for beans	824	35	42	1,714	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	616	37	44	1,816	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	616	37	44	1,735	2,480
Vegetables harvested, all	487	14	46	704	2,801
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	9	42	(D)	2,416
Cattle and calves	6,490	19	46	2,258	3,063
Horses and ponies	1,070	21	46	1,116	3,072
Layers	696	35	46	2,139	3,040
Goats, all	536	28	46	1,168	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	200	Farming	154
\$1,000 to \$2,499	58	Other	336
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	77	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Male	427
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	63
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	4	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,763	Black or African American	17
Average per farm (\$)	36,252	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	671
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,739	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	15,794	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.