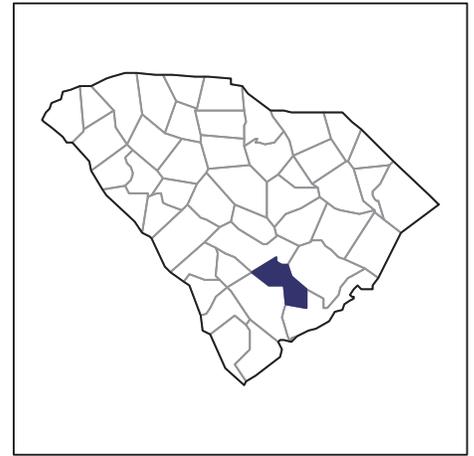


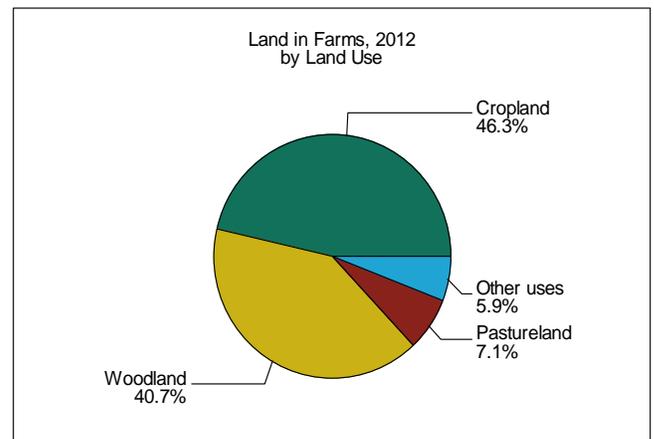
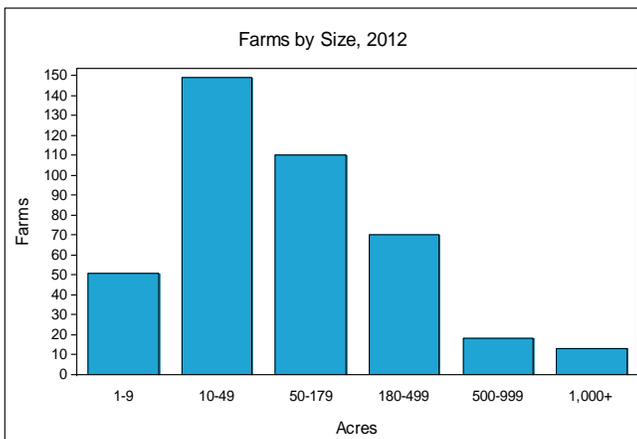
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Dorchester County South Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	411	377	+ 9
Land in Farms	74,529 acres	65,008 acres	+ 15
Average Size of Farm	181 acres	172 acres	+ 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$49,966,000	\$32,166,000	+ 55
Crop Sales \$23,538,000 (47 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$26,429,000 (53 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$121,573	\$85,322	+ 42
Government Payments	\$853,000	\$1,506,000	- 43
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,108	\$12,874	- 45





Dorchester 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	49,966	22	46	1,769	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	23,538	20	46	1,620	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	26,429	21	46	1,397	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,483	17	46	1,581	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	15	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	5,733	13	32	252	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	10	44	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	30	33	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,606	19	46	822	3,049
Poultry and eggs	18,751	22	46	460	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	21	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	5	45	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	61	15	46	1,767	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	118	29	46	1,696	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	22	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	8	31	45	2,308	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cotton, all	9,132	13	32	248	635
Upland cotton	9,132	13	32	246	635
Soybeans for beans	7,450	14	42	1,186	2,162
Corn for grain	6,709	15	46	1,333	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,170	33	46	2,494	3,057
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	793,049	15	44	335	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	277,144	3	40	122	2,637
Layers	76,264	14	46	414	3,040
Roosters	8,947	7	36	206	2,120
Hogs and pigs	5,421	9	46	746	2,889

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	170	Farming	192
\$1,000 to \$2,499	49	Other	219
\$2,500 to \$4,999	25	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50	Male	344
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29	Female	67
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18	Asian	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	Black or African American	50
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	22	White	511
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	42,614	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	103,685	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,753		
Average per farm (\$)	23,730		

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.