



# Dorchester County South Carolina

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	358	-13
Land in farms (acres)	73,867	-1
Average size of farm (acres)	206	+14
<b>Total (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	39,950,000	-20
Government payments	901,000	+6
Farm-related income	2,146,000	+39
Total farm production expenses	34,268,000	-20
Net cash farm income	8,729,000	-11
<b>Per farm average (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	111,591	-8
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	10,604	+49
Farm-related income	17,035	+54
Total farm production expenses	95,722	-8
Net cash farm income	24,383	+3

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	37
Livestock, poultry, and products	63

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	44
Pastureland	6
Woodland	45
Other	5

**Acres irrigated: 1,746**

2% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	21
Reduced till	11
Intensive till	17
Cover crop	11

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	172	48
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	49	14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	27	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	3
\$100,000 or more	34	9

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	55	15
10 to 49 acres	143	40
50 to 179 acres	73	20
180 to 499 acres	60	17
500 to 999 acres	12	3
1,000 + acres	15	4

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,950</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>14,641</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	5,207	18	46	1,629	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	3,895	15	31	300	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	454	27	46	998	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	203	21	45	1,017	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,051	26	41	837	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	3,832	13	46	668	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>25,308</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	22,218	19	45	410	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,210	25	46	2,344	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	9	26	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	373	10	44	672	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	35	25	46	1,940	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	22	46	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	22	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	14	22	45	1,420	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

<b>Sex</b>	
Male	370
Female	186
<b>Age</b>	
<35	40
35 – 64	323
65 and older	193
<b>Race</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	4
Black or African American	55
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	497
More than one race	-
<b>Other characteristics</b>	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	-
With military service	102
New and beginning farmers	178

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access	<b>68</b>
Farm organically	<b>-</b>
Sell directly to consumers	<b>8</b>
Hire farm labor	<b>23</b>
Are family farms	<b>93</b>

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Corn for grain	7,148
Cotton, all	6,237
Peanuts for nuts	4,948
Soybeans for beans	4,790
Forage (hay/haylage), all	3,045

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	964,588
Cattle and calves	3,946
Goats	403
Hogs and pigs	3,176
Horses and ponies	475
Layers	(D)
Pullets	40,557
Sheep and lambs	243
Turkeys	30

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.