



Charleston County South Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	403	+12
Land in farms (acres)	37,576	+6
Average size of farm (acres)	93	-6
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	22,381,000	(D)
Government payments	(D)	(D)
Farm-related income	2,128,000	(D)
Total farm production expenses	21,612,000	+5
Net cash farm income	2,943,000	+399
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	55,537	(D)
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	(D)	(D)
Farm-related income	16,758	(D)
Total farm production expenses	53,629	-6
Net cash farm income	7,303	+366

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	84
Livestock, poultry, and products	16

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	26
Pastureland	16
Woodland	46
Other	12

Acres irrigated: 644

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	12
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	12
Cover crop	17

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	200	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	32	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	42	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	41	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	24	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	6
\$100,000 or more	41	10

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	127	32
10 to 49 acres	148	37
50 to 179 acres	61	15
180 to 499 acres	59	15
500 to 999 acres	4	1
1,000 + acres	4	1

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	22,381	33	46	2,316	3,077
Crops	18,721	22	46	1,694	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	627	36	46	2,216	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	31	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	4,216	9	46	378	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,066	10	45	456	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	11,949	4	41	219	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	31	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	36	46	(D)	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	3,660	36	46	2,568	3,073
Poultry and eggs	429	36	45	803	3,007
Cattle and calves	638	36	46	2,500	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	26	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	717	4	46	284	2,970
Aquaculture	1,788	1	22	120	1,251
Other animals and animal products	47	11	45	1,017	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	634
Male	397
Female	237
Age	
<35	42
35 – 64	383
65 and older	209
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	27
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	607
More than one race	-
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	4
With military service	91
New and beginning farmers	247

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	77
Farm organically	(Z)
Sell directly to consumers	17
Hire farm labor	30
Are family farms	92

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain	1,032
Forage (hay/haylage), all	1,020
Vegetables harvested, all	601
Soybeans for beans	265
Tomatoes in the open	245

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	352
Cattle and calves	2,246
Goats	591
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Horses and ponies	702
Layers	5,064
Pullets	172
Sheep and lambs	175
Turkeys	21

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.