

WHAT IS SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE?

Agriculture is the tobacco farmer of the Pee Dee and the other ~~low state~~ areas where last year they produced over \$188 million from this commodity.

Agriculture is the soybean farmer, from the sandy plains of Horry to the foothills of Oconee. All across ~~the~~ this state they generated last year \$138 million worth of their products.

Agriculture is the poultrymen, a \$100 million-plus business in eggs, broilers, and turkeys in South Carolina.

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It is the swine producers, representing \$75 million in sales; and the dairymen, over \$50 million in milk products.

It is the cattlemen. Their business has been down a year or two, but even in the depressed year of 1974, they generated \$43 million.

Agriculture is the peach people, last year \$34 million; and vegetable producers, over \$30 million.

Added up, agriculture in South Carolina represents \$814 million in cash sales.

Combining this with our forest industry output of \$1.3 billion, we generate more than \$2 billion.

Those are the dollar values, the hard facts about what we call agriculture.

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No country on earth has the awesome food production power of the United States, where agriculture is pretty well typified by what we have in South Carolina.

American farmers are now feeding half the world. Last year, they exported \$22 billion in agricultural products.

And the soybeans, the tobacco, the cotton, the grains, and perhaps some other commodities from South Carolina, are a part of that world trade. Dollar-wise, it's estimated that about one third of the agricultural products from this state are exported.