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Sumter County Agriculture, Forestry, and Related Industries

Total Impacts: $402.9 Million and 2,978 Jobs

Total Production

In 2010, $39.4 million was generated through the county's agricultural and forestry production sector.

Agricultural Production

Cattle was the largest agricultural commodity, contributing 21.4 percent of the county's total agricultural and forestry production.

Sumter County ranked fifth in the state in catfish production. It contributed 16.3 percent of the county's total agricultural and forestry production, making it the second largest agricultural commodity.

The third largest was vegetable and melon farming, which contributed 1.7 percent of the county's total agricultural and forestry production.

Top Agricultural Commodities				
Commodity	**Production (Mn$)**	**Jobs**	**Value Added* (Mn$)**	**Indirect Business Taxes (Mn$)**
Cattle	8.4	97	2.1	0.2
Catfish	6.4	280	3.5	0.2
Vegetables & melons	0.7	6	0.4	0.0

*** Value Added** is the value that is added to a product at the stage of its manufacture or distribution.

Total Land Area: 579,162 acres

Farmland: 181,020 acres

Timberland: 439,182 acres

Number of Farms: 431

Population: 13,478

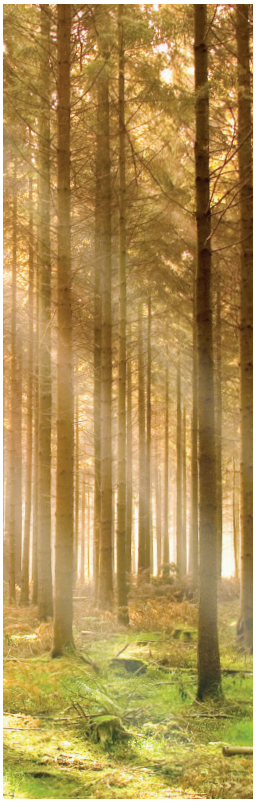
Total Employment: 5,299 jobs

Total Economic Activity: $613.2 million

Top Industry Groups:

- Agriculture, Forestry, and Related Industries
- Government-related Services
- Real Estate and Rentals

Forestry Industry				
County	Production (Mn$)	Jobs	Value Added (Mn$)	Indirect Business Taxes (Mn$)
Sumter	11.3	119	4.6	0.3



Forestry Production

Timberland accounted for 75.8 percent of the surface land area of Sumter County. Total forestry production contributed 28.7 percent of the county's total agricultural and forestry production.

Overall Contributions to Sumter County

Sumter County's agricultural, forestry, and related industries generated 2,978 full- and part-time jobs, representing 56.2 percent of the county's total workforce (5,299 jobs).

The total impact of agriculture, forestry, and related industries was $402.9 million, which was 65.7 percent of the county's total economic activity ($613.2 million). The indirect business taxes impact was $12.6 million, 56.3 percent of the county's total indirect business taxes.

Economic Impacts				
	Production (Mn$)	Jobs	Value Added (Mn$)	Indirect Business Taxes (Mn$)
Agricultural & Forestry Industries	**380.9**	**2,570**	**149.8**	**10.2**
Crop, livestock, forestry & fisheries production	39.4	820	16.8	1.2
Food & affiliated products manufacturing	43.3	152	9.2	0.5
Forest products manufacturing	298.3	1,598	123.8	8.5
Related Industries	**21.9**	**407**	**12.8**	**2.5**
Agricultural inputs & services	0.4	10	0.1	0.0
Food & affiliated products distribution	21.6	397	12.7	2.5
Total	**402.9**	**2,978**	**162.6**	**12.6**

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