

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 379,973 acres in 1992 to 342,846 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 868 acres in 1992 to 814 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 361 farms in 1992 to 317 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

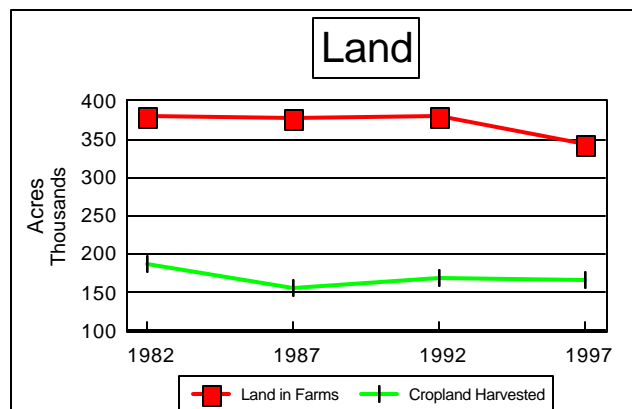
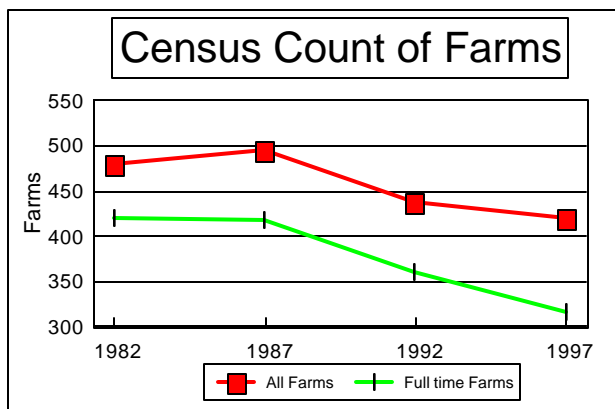
Increased 25 percent to \$54,960,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$100,182 in 1992 to \$130,547 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	54,960	27	66	1,084	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	36,212	20	66	744	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	18,748	38	66	1,310	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	16,205	42	66	540	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	1	62	359	2,901
Corn for grain	8,485	26	65	614	2,582
Soybeans	6,552	30	60	666	2,136
Hogs and pigs	3,401	32	66	656	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	2	39	261	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	30,515	31	66	691	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	30,028	41	66	637	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	3,943	29	65	286	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	20	47	738	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	1	65	65	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	1	16	86	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	1	52	123	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	50,383	38	66	601	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	20,444	27	66	586	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	61,470	24	65	433	2,691
Hay crops-acres	44,250	34	66	349	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	32,183	30	60	665	2,144
Wheat-acres	15,256	46	66	616	2,612
Sunflower seed-acres	5,554	24	55	82	674

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	85	79	8
\$10,000 or more	336	359	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	46,772	35,644	31
Average per farmdollars..	111,097	81,566	36
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,229	8,090	39
Average per farmdollars..	26,673	18,512	44
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	391	388	1
Partnership or corporation	27	46	-41
Other	3	4	-25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	317	361	-12
Other	104	77	35
Operators by sex:			
Male	409	425	-4
Female	12	13	-8
Operators by race:			
White	421	438	-4
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	51.4	51.9	-1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.