

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



## CLAY SOUTH DAKOTA

### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 236,608 acres in 1992 to 225,902 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 541 acres in 1992 to 569 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 336 farms in 1992 to 306 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

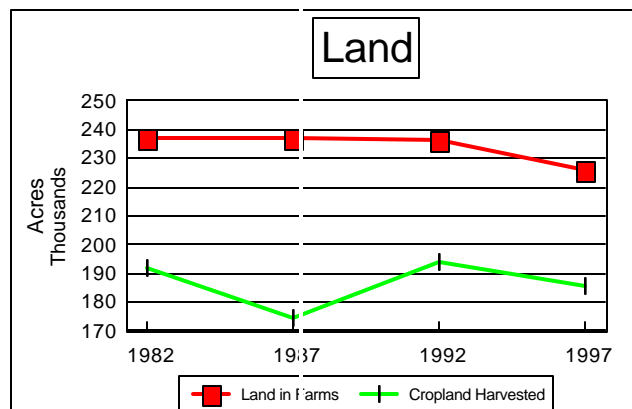
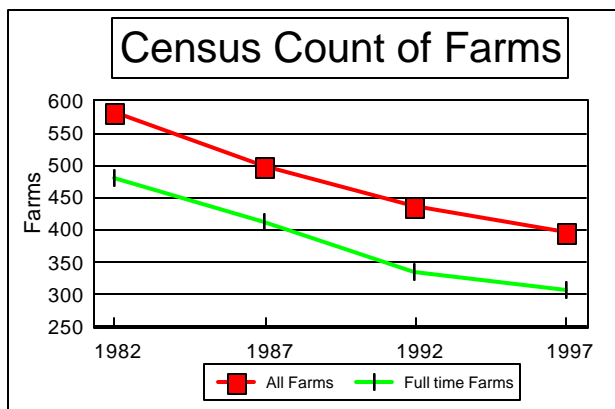
Increased 5 percent to \$46,140,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 15 percent from \$100,831 in 1992 to \$116,222 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	46,140	35	66	1,279	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	37,511	17	66	776	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,629	65	66	1,981	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	18,736	14	60	326	2,136
Corn for grain	15,654	12	65	422	2,582
Cattle and calves	4,018	66	66	1,632	3,063
Hogs and pigs	3,854	29	66	619	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,976	1	66	229	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	38,404	26	66	613	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,425	66	66	1,847	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	3,852	30	65	292	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	25	58	66	2,299	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	28	45	2,084	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	17,366	33	66	642	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	12,637	66	66	1,940	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,333	34	65	352	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	209	63	66	2,563	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	96	59	65	2,656	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	95,371	14	60	227	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	73,042	16	65	338	2,691
Hay crops-acres	17,196	63	66	1,180	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,589	49	66	805	2,473
Wheat-acres	418	64	66	1,953	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	53	55	-4
\$10,000 or more .....	344	382	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	30,561	30,358	1
Average per farm .....dollars..	76,981	69,310	11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	13,216	11,873	11
Average per farm .....dollars..	33,290	27,107	23
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	346	376	-8
Partnership or corporation .....	45	60	-25
Other .....	6	1	500
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	306	336	-9
Other .....	91	101	-10
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	383	415	-8
Female .....	14	22	-36
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	395	436	-9
Black and other races .....	2	1	100
Average age of operator .....	49.6	49.5	0

(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.