

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 462,238 acres in 1992 to 476,498 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 1,431 acres in 1992 to 1,462 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 8 percent from 192 farms in 1992 to 207 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

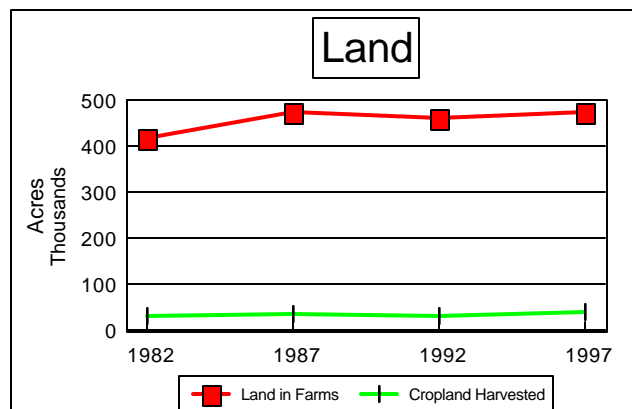
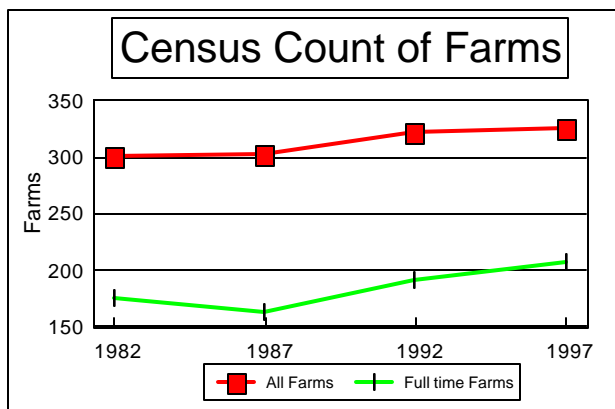
Increased 12 percent to \$11,404,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$31,500 in 1992 to \$34,982 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	11,404	65	66	2,439	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	10,223	63	66	1,844	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,181	66	66	2,685	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	8,634	61	66	1,013	3,063
Dairy products	543	46	62	1,706	2,563
All other livestock & products	(D)	2	33	90	1,649
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	407	60	66	1,800	3,043
Wheat	382	58	66	1,292	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	19,778	59	66	999	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	38	47	1,106	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	239	65	66	2,343	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	215	7	66	314	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	64	65	1,706	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	35,093	51	66	952	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,240	12	66	537	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	493	30	65	1,703	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	38	56	675	2,588
All goat inventory	335	3	64	729	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	35,138	45	66	532	3,061
Wheat-acres	5,097	56	66	1,052	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	1,758	59	65	1,687	2,691
Oats-acres	465	64	66	1,005	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	162	66	66	1,891	2,473

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	147	164	-10
\$10,000 or more	179	159	13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	10,498	8,407	25
Average per farmdollars..	32,203	26,109	23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,200	2,149	-44
Average per farmdollars..	3,682	6,675	-45
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	271	279	-3
Partnership or corporation	51	39	31
Other	4	5	-20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	207	192	8
Other	119	131	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	284	273	4
Female	42	50	-16
Operators by race:			
White	321	318	1
Black and other races	5	5	
Average age of operator	57.2	57.3	-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.