

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



## DAY SOUTH DAKOTA

### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 561,312 acres in 1992 to 536,160 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 779 acres in 1992 to 774 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 599 farms in 1992 to 517 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

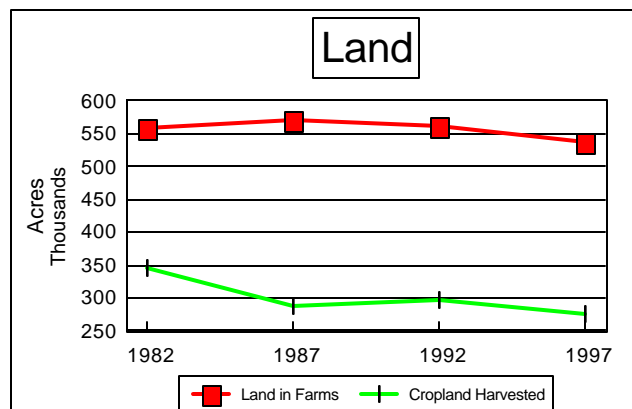
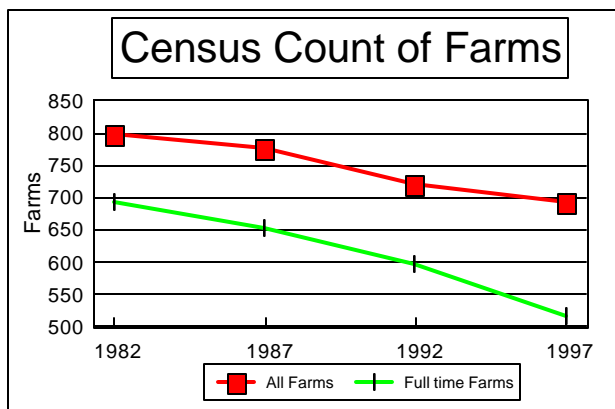
Increased 3 percent to \$49,180,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 7 percent from \$66,528 in 1992 to \$70,967 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	49,180	32	66	1,218	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	30,064	21	66	935	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	19,116	49	66	1,296	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	11,966	22	60	495	2,136
Cattle and calves	11,830	54	66	766	3,063
Wheat	10,397	8	66	212	2,578
Dairy products	5,925	11	62	560	2,563
Corn for grain	4,979	37	65	810	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	24,906	51	66	780	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	7,883	44	66	1,084	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	15	47	516	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	1,556	49	65	583	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	85	26	66	1,085	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	42,300	46	66	764	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,971	43	66	1,014	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	4,404	18	56	139	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,999	46	65	540	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	418	47	66	1,828	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	98,478	8	66	195	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	75,708	20	60	337	2,144
Hay crops-acres	50,190	29	66	261	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	35,802	36	65	618	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	6,225	25	66	233	2,473

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 .....	196	147	33
\$10,000 or more .....	497	574	-13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	42,412	38,113	11
Average per farm .....dollars..	61,201	52,861	16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,024	9,010	-33
Average per farm .....dollars..	8,693	12,496	-30
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	610	634	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	77	76	1
Other .....	6	11	-45
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	517	599	-14
Other .....	176	122	44
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	655	699	-6
Female .....	38	22	73
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	690	721	-4
Black and other races .....	3	-	
Average age of operator .....	52.6	51.6	2

(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.