

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 560,057 acres in 1992 to 571,356 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 1,718 acres in 1992 to 1,808 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 279 farms in 1992 to 264 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

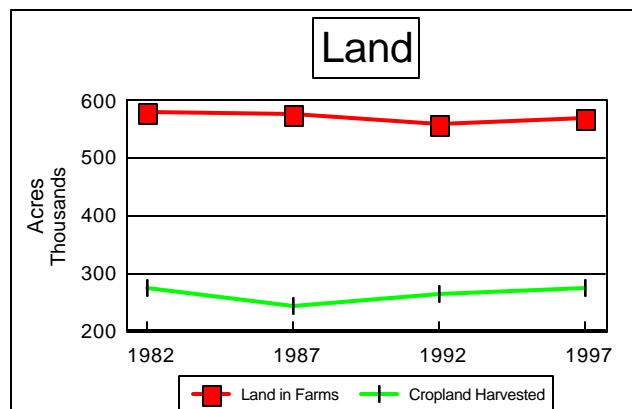
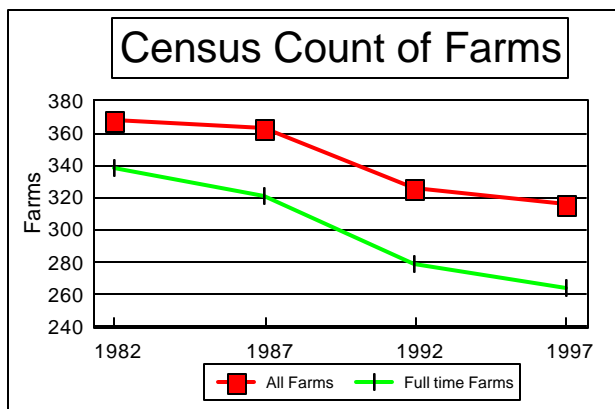
Increased 25 percent to \$53,289,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$130,677 in 1992 to \$168,635 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	53,289	29	66	1,126	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	28,263	24	66	985	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	25,025	39	66	1,035	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	17,418	38	66	488	3,063
Wheat	8,634	11	66	247	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	7,385	5	64	106	1,971
Hogs and pigs	6,383	16	66	451	2,976
Soybeans	5,926	31	60	703	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	57,349	19	66	480	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	34,213	33	66	529	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	6,339	13	65	191	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	14	22	1,178	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	19	62	66	2,467	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	61,448	25	66	434	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	19,942	30	66	598	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,737	29	65	320	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	220	62	66	2,511	3,066
Broiler inventory	(D)	33	60	1,624	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	83,587	16	66	228	2,612
Hay crops-acres	67,231	19	66	137	3,061
Sunflower seed-acres	40,339	6	55	17	674
Corn for grain-acres	34,410	38	65	627	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	29,751	31	60	681	2,144

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	50	38	32
\$10,000 or more	266	288	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	38,894	33,017	18
Average per farmdollars..	123,082	100,970	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,081	7,777	55
Average per farmdollars..	38,232	23,783	61
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	264	275	-4
Partnership or corporation	49	49	
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	264	279	-5
Other	52	47	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	301	315	-4
Female	15	11	36
Operators by race:			
White	315	326	-3
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	51.4	49.8	3

(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.