

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## HAND SOUTH DAKOTA

### Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 861,129 acres in 1992 to 811,273 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 1,589 acres in 1992 to 1,662 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 461 farms in 1992 to 395 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

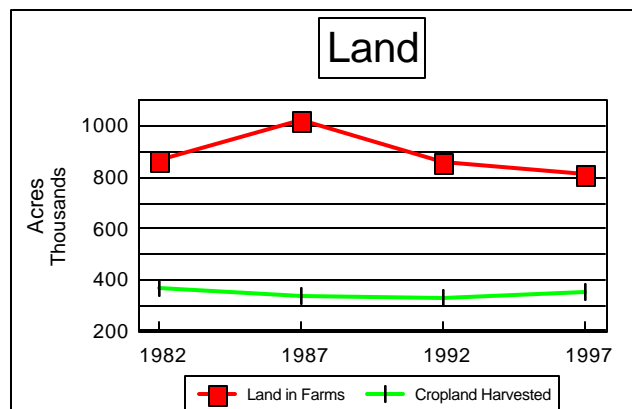
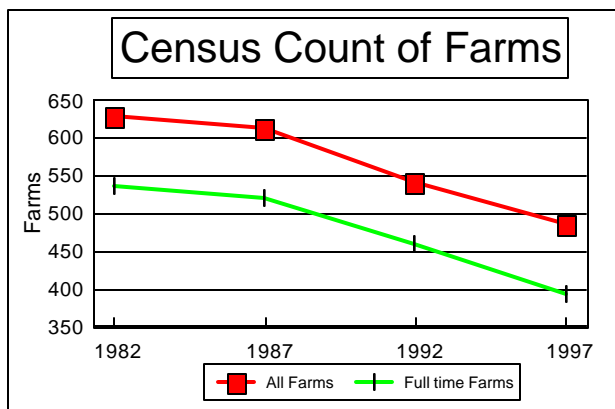
Increased 6 percent to \$65,978,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 18 percent from \$114,904 in 1992 to \$135,200 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	65,978	18	66	886	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	36,693	19	66	736	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	29,284	23	66	956	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	30,370	10	66	240	3,063
Wheat	8,894	10	66	240	2,578
Corn for grain	8,789	24	65	592	2,582
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	8,188	4	64	97	1,971
Hogs and pigs	3,215	35	66	677	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	1	38	621	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	61,289	7	66	216	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	27,604	36	66	721	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	4,129	28	65	277	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	13	39	928	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	99,223	5	66	135	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	1	60	598	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	14,073	36	66	697	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	8	56	64	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	13	65	839	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	101,784	7	66	187	2,612
Hay crops-acres	100,417	5	66	40	3,061
Sunflower seed-acres	64,446	3	55	7	674
Corn for grain-acres	64,403	20	65	400	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	10,175	4	66	122	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 .....	74	82	-10
\$10,000 or more .....	414	460	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	52,804	48,122	10
Average per farm .....dollars..	108,204	88,950	22
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,649	12,681	-32
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,724	23,440	-24
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	404	448	-10
Partnership or corporation .....	80	88	-9
Other .....	4	6	-33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	395	461	-14
Other .....	93	81	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	475	524	-9
Female .....	13	18	-28
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	487	542	-10
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	52.2	51.4	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.