

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



HARDING SOUTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 1,657,305 acres in 1992 to 1,702,146 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 5,877 acres in 1992 to 6,190 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 235 farms in 1992 to 229 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

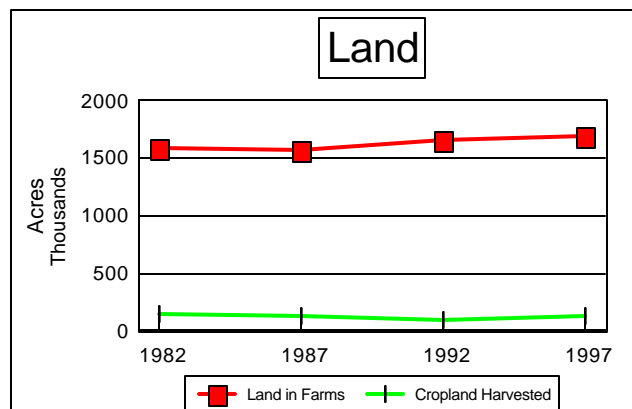
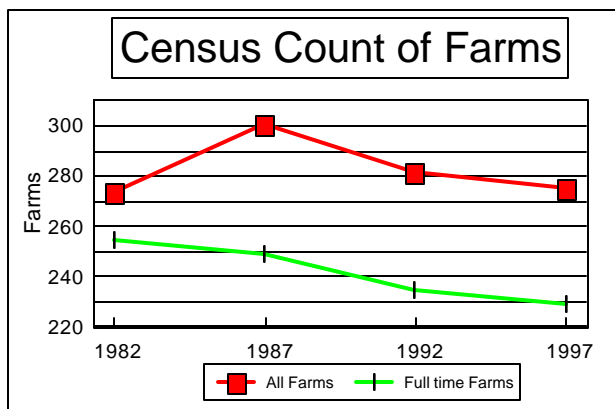
Increased 11 percent to \$27,931,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 14 percent from \$89,175 in 1992 to \$101,567 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	27,931	56	66	1,812	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,861	40	66	1,037	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,070	63	66	2,363	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	20,557	26	66	390	3,063
Sheep, lambs, and wool	3,378	3	65	41	2,787
Wheat	2,292	35	66	615	2,578
All other livestock & products	482	1	33	78	1,649
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	59	66	1,741	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	42,601	20	66	376	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	39,040	2	65	39	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	1,997	56	66	1,554	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,510	13	38	862	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	17	39	1,203	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	69,134	17	66	338	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	48,224	2	65	32	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	26	56	255	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,023	15	66	717	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	940	58	66	1,638	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	86,702	11	66	66	3,061
Wheat-acres	36,015	34	66	389	2,612
Oats-acres	4,914	18	66	131	2,332
Barley-acres	4,004	8	63	206	1,411
Corn for silage-acres	1,054	54	66	1,029	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	45	58	-22
\$10,000 or more	230	224	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	23,025	18,830	22
Average per farmdollars..	83,728	66,772	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,484	6,163	-11
Average per farmdollars..	19,940	21,853	-9
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	220	221	-0
Partnership or corporation	51	56	-9
Other	4	5	-20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	229	235	-3
Other	46	47	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	252	262	-4
Female	23	20	15
Operators by race:			
White	274	282	-3
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	53.0	51.4	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.