

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 2,076,199 acres in 1992 to 2,074,294 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 2,560 acres in 1992 to 2,502 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 595 farms in 1992 to 580 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

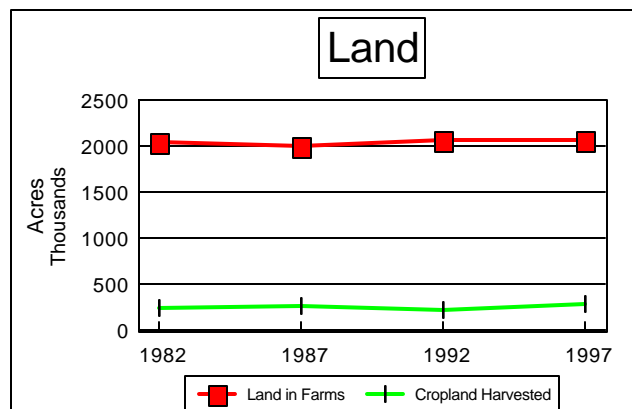
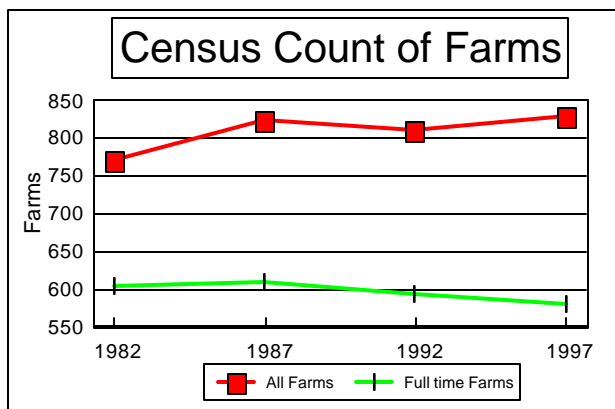
Increased 14 percent to \$52,063,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 12 percent from \$56,210 in 1992 to \$62,803 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	52,063	31	66	1,151	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	41,962	13	66	637	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,102	50	66	1,746	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	38,423	5	66	182	3,063
Wheat	6,590	18	66	302	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,890	3	66	238	3,043
Dairy products	1,369	35	62	1,251	2,563
Sheep, lambs, and wool	1,212	7	65	100	2,787
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	78,943	2	66	148	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	14,017	8	65	94	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	3,813	49	66	1,327	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	343	3	66	143	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	40	47	1,401	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	129,488	1	66	75	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	17,522	4	65	89	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	21	56	208	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	2,858	2	66	96	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,601	54	66	1,429	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	182,821	1	66	4	3,061
Wheat-acres	94,125	10	66	203	2,612
Oats-acres	3,338	30	66	207	2,332
Field seeds-acres	2,457	2	44	87	1,212
Sorghum for grain-acres	2,030	12	57	409	1,508

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	263	232	13
\$10,000 or more	566	579	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	38,363	36,163	6
Average per farmdollars..	46,276	44,591	4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,516	13,452	-14
Average per farmdollars..	13,892	16,587	-16
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	724	708	2
Partnership or corporation	99	98	1
Other	6	5	20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	580	595	-3
Other	249	216	15
Operators by sex:			
Male	774	750	3
Female	55	61	-10
Operators by race:			
White	821	805	2
Black and other races	8	6	33
Average age of operator	53.0	53.8	-1

(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.