

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



MELLETTTE SOUTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 701,352 acres in 1992 to 654,597 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 2,647 acres in 1992 to 3,017 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 226 farms in 1992 to 175 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

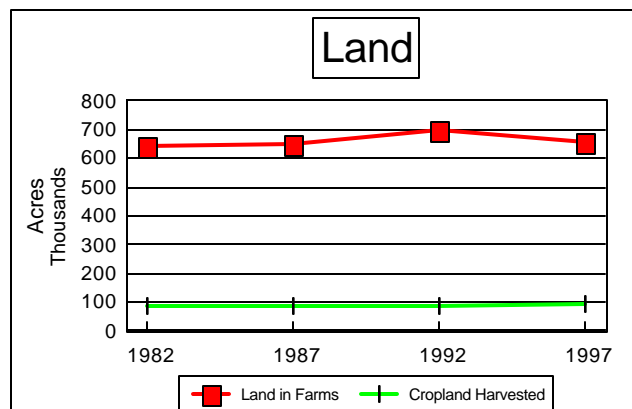
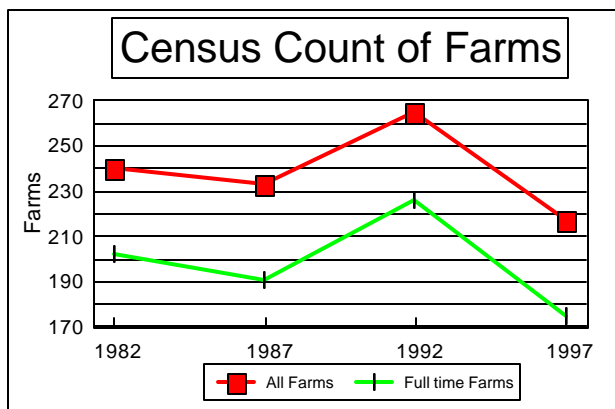
Decreased 3 percent to \$17,739,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$69,199 in 1992 to \$81,746 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	17,739	63	66	2,195	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	14,202	57	66	1,568	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,537	61	66	2,289	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	13,283	47	66	685	3,063
Wheat	1,628	44	66	724	2,578
Horses and ponies	(D)	1	66	141	3,015
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	753	28	64	348	1,971
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	499	56	66	1,609	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	28,573	43	66	675	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,232	61	66	1,753	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	830	2	66	38	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	469	61	65	1,290	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	42	45	2,595	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	53,428	33	66	546	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,198	13	66	567	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	748	60	66	1,719	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	702	59	65	1,183	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	123	55	65	2,552	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	55,873	26	66	211	3,061
Wheat-acres	19,110	40	66	549	2,612
Proso millet-acres	4,315	9	50	23	190
Corn for grain-acres	4,314	54	65	1,384	2,691
Sunflower seed-acres	3,958	31	55	102	674

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	39	56	-30
\$10,000 or more	178	209	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	15,149	12,710	19
Average per farmdollars..	69,813	47,962	46
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,699	4,695	-43
Average per farmdollars..	12,438	17,717	-30
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	186	228	-18
Partnership or corporation	28	32	-13
Other	3	5	-40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	175	226	-23
Other	42	39	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	201	247	-19
Female	16	18	-11
Operators by race:			
White	206	255	-19
Black and other races	11	10	10
Average age of operator	54.4	52.8	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.