

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



PENNINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 1,066,060 acres in 1992 to 1,043,959 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 1,676 acres in 1992 to 1,639 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 403 farms in 1992 to 408 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

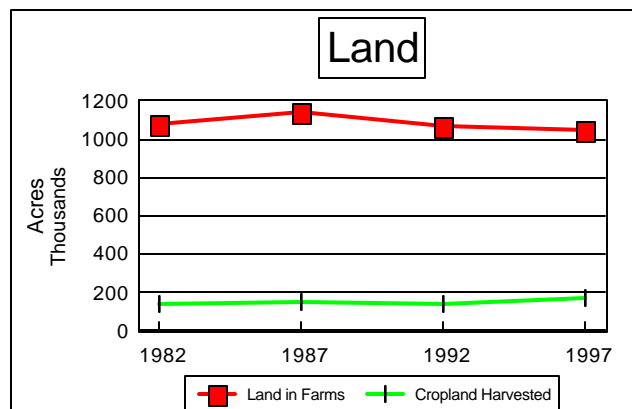
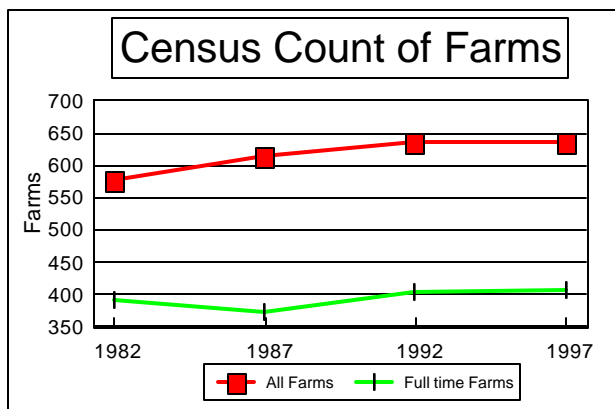
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$62,750 in 1992 to \$62,288 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	39,678	46	66	1,445	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	28,072	30	66	935	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	11,605	46	66	1,662	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	25,887	16	66	294	3,063
Wheat	6,800	16	66	294	2,578
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,070	4	34	688	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,638	17	66	509	3,043
Dairy products	1,170	39	62	1,333	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	47,788	15	66	312	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,358	60	66	1,712	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	851	58	65	902	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	288	4	66	198	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	65	22	39	1,557	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	68,107	20	66	350	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	5,373	16	56	102	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	2,046	4	66	206	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	808	58	65	1,094	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	741	61	66	1,722	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	78,639	17	66	233	2,612
Hay crops-acres	77,747	16	66	90	3,061
Safflower-acres	7,583	1	12	6	104
Corn for grain-acres	2,167	58	65	1,613	2,691
Proso millet-acres	1,988	16	50	37	190

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	247	251	-2
\$10,000 or more	390	385	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	33,432	33,981	-2
Average per farmdollars..	52,483	53,514	-2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,551	7,587	-40
Average per farmdollars..	7,144	11,948	-40
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	540	540	
Partnership or corporation	92	92	
Other	5	4	25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	408	403	1
Other	229	233	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	573	563	2
Female	64	73	-12
Operators by race:			
White	632	633	-0
Black and other races	5	3	67
Average age of operator	54.7	54.3	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.