

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 1,726,299 acres in 1992 to 1,705,233 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 3,110 acres in 1992 to 3,279 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 463 farms in 1992 to 418 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

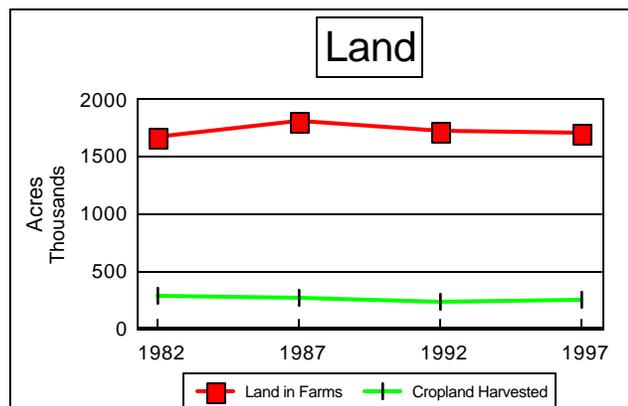
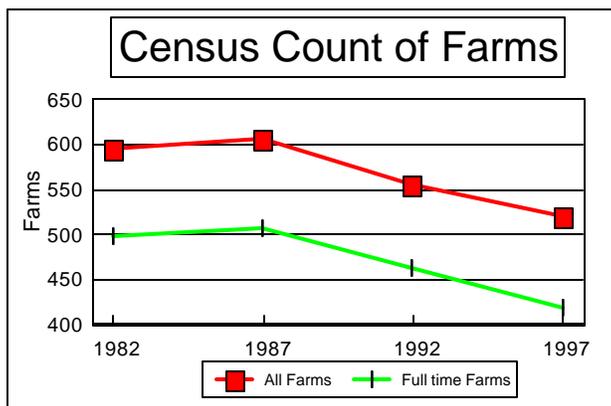
Increased 4 percent to \$42,287,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$72,998 in 1992 to \$81,322 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	42,287	40	66	1,378	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	32,793	25	66	820	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,495	54	66	1,790	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	28,454	11	66	257	3,063
Wheat	6,642	17	66	300	2,578
Sheep, lambs, and wool	2,250	4	65	61	2,787
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	22	66	639	3,043
Dairy products	1,182	38	62	1,326	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	59,411	9	66	224	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	25,694	4	65	57	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	2,868	54	66	1,429	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	2	45	159	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	198	8	66	360	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	95,915	7	66	145	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	32,951	3	65	53	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	7	56	45	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,741	51	66	1,395	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,040	14	66	696	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	143,276	2	66	9	3,061
Wheat-acres	91,114	11	66	207	2,612
Barley-acres	9,170	2	63	139	1,411
Oats-acres	7,297	9	66	70	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	6,598	22	66	219	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	118	119	-1
\$10,000 or more	402	436	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	34,457	31,668	9
Average per farmdollars..	66,390	57,060	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,644	7,882	-3
Average per farmdollars..	14,729	14,202	4
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	424	455	-7
Partnership or corporation	91	90	1
Other	5	10	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	418	463	-10
Other	102	92	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	484	523	-7
Female	36	32	13
Operators by race:			
White	518	553	-6
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	55.6	56.1	-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.