

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



POTTER SOUTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 507,101 acres in 1992 to 530,038 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 18 percent from 1,580 acres in 1992 to 1,860 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 262 farms in 1992 to 224 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

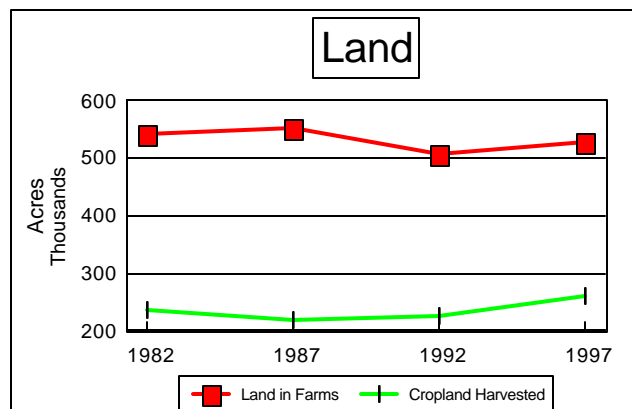
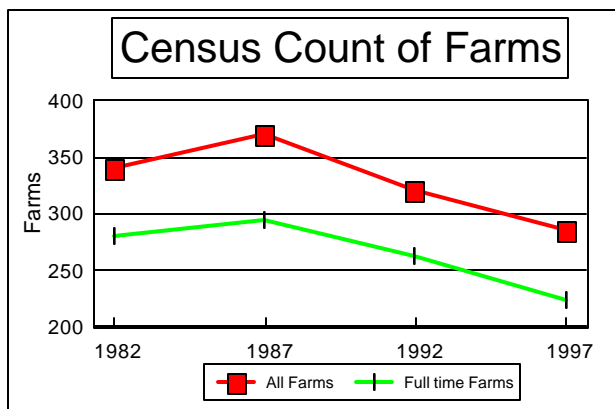
Increased 1 percent to \$44,689,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 14 percent from \$137,827 in 1992 to \$156,802 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	44,689	37	66	1,319	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	25,567	29	66	1,074	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	19,121	48	66	1,294	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	15,961	43	66	548	3,063
Wheat	12,071	4	66	178	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	7,032	6	64	112	1,971
Corn for grain	4,319	40	65	852	2,582
Hogs and pigs	2,707	37	66	723	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	28,316	34	66	713	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	27,498	46	66	708	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,929	43	65	494	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	51	45	66	1,629	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	29	45	2,164	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	44,943	42	66	704	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	15,109	35	66	677	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,367	40	65	466	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	390	50	66	1,909	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	152	52	65	2,456	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	126,958	5	66	136	2,612
Sunflower seed-acres	43,402	5	55	14	674
Corn for grain-acres	35,461	37	65	619	2,691
Hay crops-acres	35,124	46	66	533	3,061
Oats-acres	10,063	2	66	31	2,332

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	69	39	77
\$10,000 or more	216	282	-23
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	31,028	35,101	-12
Average per farmdollars..	108,871	109,349	-0
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,697	10,503	2
Average per farmdollars..	37,533	32,720	15
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	199	236	-16
Partnership or corporation	80	82	-2
Other	6	3	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	224	262	-15
Other	61	59	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	272	308	-12
Female	13	13	
Operators by race:			
White	284	319	-11
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	51.4	51.8	-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.