

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



## SPINK SOUTH DAKOTA

### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 890,711 acres in 1992 to 849,345 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 1,199 acres in 1992 to 1,313 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 601 farms in 1992 to 505 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

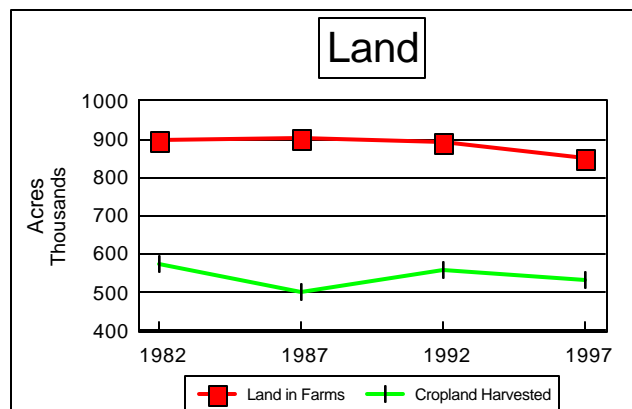
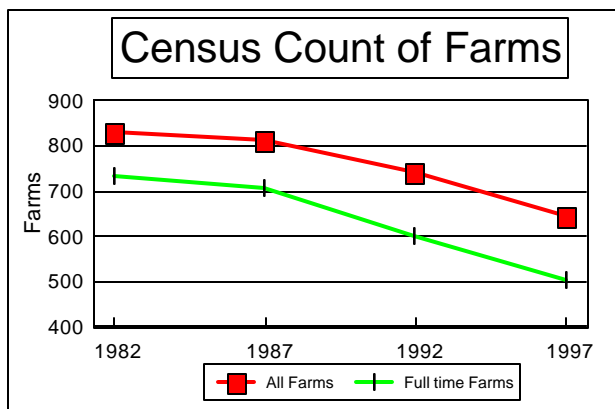
Decreased 3 percent to \$116,647,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 12 percent from \$161,603 in 1992 to \$180,290 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	116,647	2	66	396	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	74,592	2	66	276	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	42,055	11	66	634	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	32,306	1	60	106	2,136
Cattle and calves	31,595	8	66	226	3,063
Corn for grain	21,275	6	65	305	2,582
Wheat	14,974	3	66	131	2,578
Hogs and pigs	8,262	11	66	385	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	68,211	13	66	427	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	55,970	10	66	247	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	4	47	146	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	5,488	16	65	215	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,700	12	38	846	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	80,821	9	66	238	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	47,344	10	66	320	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	6,132	13	56	82	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	5,442	19	65	242	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,148	10	61	431	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	169,204	1	60	29	2,144
Wheat-acres	140,970	3	66	118	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	127,657	3	65	130	2,691
Hay crops-acres	51,668	27	66	243	3,061
Sunflower seed-acres	34,618	8	55	21	674

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	104	102	2
\$10,000 or more .....	543	641	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	90,149	99,349	-9
Average per farm .....dollars..	139,335	133,713	4
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	25,571	21,431	19
Average per farm .....dollars..	39,522	28,844	37
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	547	615	-11
Partnership or corporation .....	94	126	-25
Other .....	6	2	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	505	601	-16
Other .....	142	142	
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	625	728	-14
Female .....	22	15	47
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	646	743	-13
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	50.6	48.8	4

(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.