

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



## UNION SOUTH DAKOTA

### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 259,517 acres in 1992 to 254,028 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 463 acres in 1992 to 514 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 417 farms in 1992 to 343 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

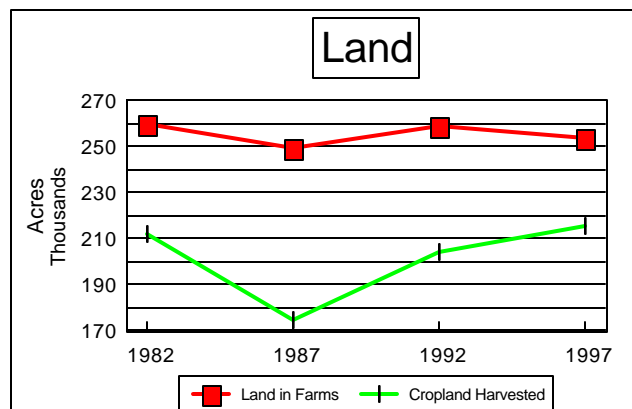
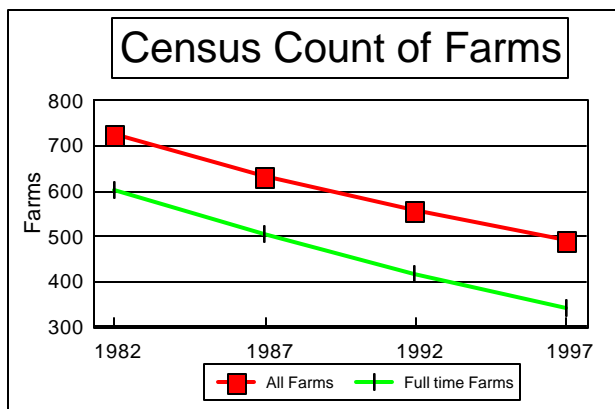
Increased 11 percent to \$86,335,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 26 percent from \$138,896 in 1992 to \$174,768 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	86,335	11	66	640	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	50,586	7	66	540	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	35,749	21	66	751	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	24,709	4	65	247	2,582
Soybeans	24,139	8	60	207	2,136
Cattle and calves	20,810	25	66	382	3,063
Hogs and pigs	12,969	4	66	270	2,976
Dairy products	1,531	30	62	1,187	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	101,310	8	66	329	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		5	39	660	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	28,760	42	66	671	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,132	42	65	449	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	774	14	38	995	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	56,262	8	66	283	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	22,525	64	66	1,424	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory (D)		11	65	790	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,431	50	65	718	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	254	37	61	1,425	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	104,287	11	60	189	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	99,061	9	65	210	2,691
Hay crops-acres	8,652	66	66	1,841	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,933	43	66	499	2,473
Oats-acres	2,220	46	66	320	2,332

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 .....	88	93	-5
\$10,000 or more .....	406	467	-13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	63,248	58,585	8
Average per farm .....dollars..	128,291	104,244	23
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	23,602	16,801	40
Average per farm .....dollars..	47,874	29,894	60
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	422	491	-14
Partnership or corporation .....	69	66	5
Other .....	3	3	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	343	417	-18
Other .....	151	143	6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	483	547	-12
Female .....	11	13	-15
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	494	559	-12
Black and other races .....	-	1	-100
Average age of operator .....	50.5	49.7	2

(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.