

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Aurora, South Dakota

Number of farms

401 farms in 2002, 425 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

350,943 acres in 2002, 329,433 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Average size of farm

875 acres in 2002, 775 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$51,855,000 in 2002, \$53,780,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,790,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$40,065,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

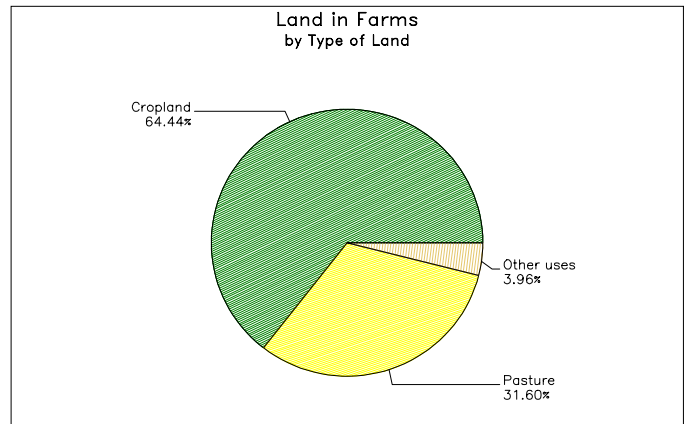
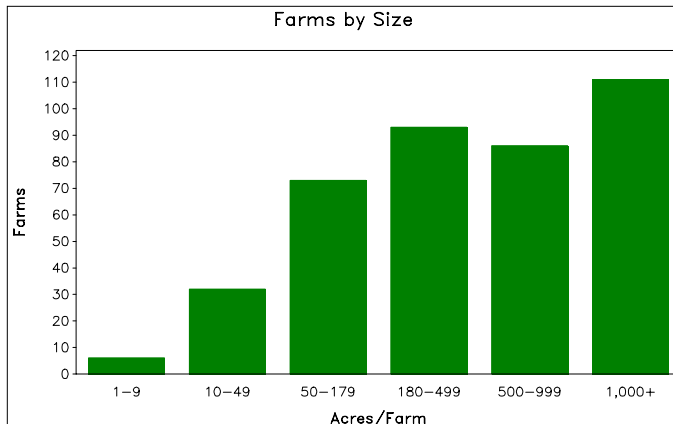
\$129,315 in 2002, \$126,540 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,294,000 in 2002, \$1,647,000 in 1997, up 39 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,403 in 2002, \$4,990 in 1997, up 68 percent.



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Ranked items among the 66 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	51,855	34	66	1,119	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,790	41	66	1,542	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	40,065	24	66	719	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	11,025	39	66	959	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	38	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	17	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	36	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	10	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	765	49	66	1,513	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	25,213	30	66	381	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	620	40	59	1,561	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	378	16	65	244	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	96	35	66	1,803	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	9	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	1	66	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	52,723	34	66	523	3,059
Hogs and pigs	23,934	25	64	473	2,926
Sheep and lambs	6,743	14	65	172	2,867
Colonies of bees	(D)	12	43	(D)	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	50,315	33	61	555	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	45,808	36	66	374	3,059
Corn for grain	32,322	36	65	636	2,592
Corn for silage	21,222	7	65	45	2,307
All Wheat for grain	10,356	41	66	632	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	67
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52
\$40,000 to \$49,999	24
\$50,000 to \$99,999	71
\$100,000 to \$249,999	63
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21
\$500,000 or more	12
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	48,395
Average per farm (\$)	120,989
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,929
Average per farm (\$)	14,823

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	283
Other	118
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	375
Female	26
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	539
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	4
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.