

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Custer, South Dakota

Number of farms

303 farms in 2002, 342 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

589,129 acres in 2002, 452,775 acres in 1997, up 30 percent.

Average size of farm

1,944 acres in 2002, 1,324 acres in 1997, up 47 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$12,470,000 in 2002, \$11,165,000 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$935,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$11,536,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

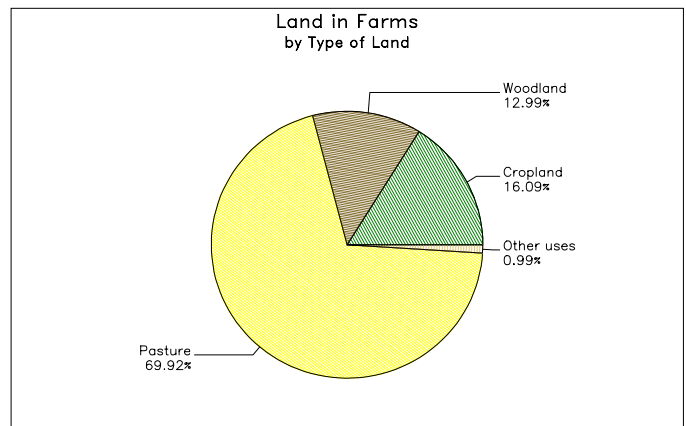
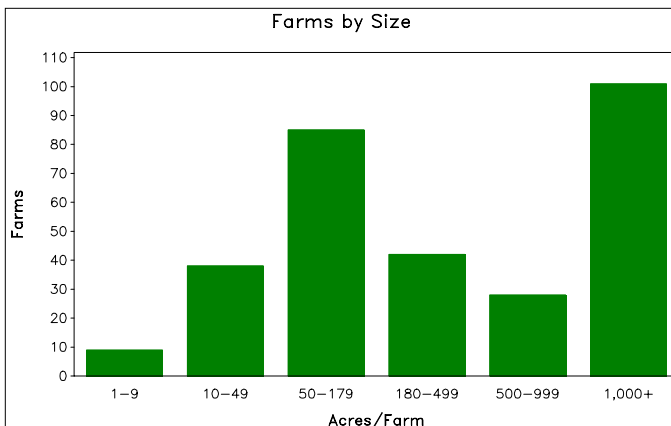
\$41,156 in 2002, \$32,646 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Government Payments

\$477,000 in 2002, \$213,000 in 1997, up 124 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,180 in 2002, \$3,681 in 1997, up 41 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	12,470	65	66	2,386	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	935	64	66	2,751	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	11,536	61	66	1,759	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	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	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	10	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,826	62	66	1,003	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	59	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	16	62	65	2,043	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	234	18	66	969	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	9	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	972	7	62	129	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	28,463	59	66	1,104	3,059
Bison	2,742	5	52	12	1,321
Horses and ponies	1,687	11	66	630	3,065
All Goats	414	4	59	1,172	2,971
Sheep and lambs	343	60	65	1,681	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,408	62	66	1,182	3,059
All Wheat for grain	936	60	66	1,564	2,517
Sunflower seed	(D)	40	46	(D)	746
Corn for grain	330	62	65	2,093	2,592
Barley	(D)	31	50	(D)	1,246

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	60
\$1,000 to \$2,499	42
\$2,500 to \$4,999	21
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30
\$100,000 to \$249,999	27
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,462
Average per farm (\$)	40,724
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,160
Average per farm (\$)	7,058

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	193
Other	110
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	247
Female	56
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	482
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	12
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.