

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Hand, South Dakota

Number of farms

480 farms in 2002, 487 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

868,379 acres in 2002, 788,078 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

Average size of farm

1,809 acres in 2002, 1,618 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$76,941,000 in 2002, \$65,051,000 in 1997, up 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$26,322,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$50,619,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

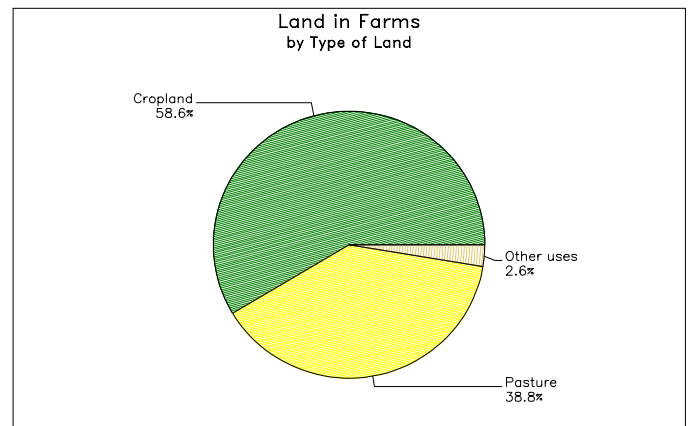
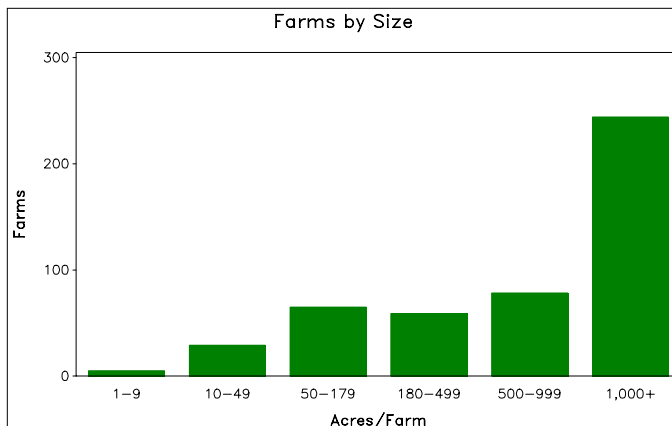
\$160,294 in 2002, \$133,575 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Government Payments

\$4,907,000 in 2002, \$3,507,000 in 1997, up 40 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,100 in 2002, \$9,878 in 1997, up 43 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	76,941	19	66	728	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	26,322	26	66	965	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	50,619	14	66	538	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	24,025	27	66	591	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	2,297	19	66	552	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	43,235	8	66	183	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,748	19	59	870	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4,214	27	64	523	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	120	46	65	704	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	84	42	66	1,922	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	9	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	108,259	3	66	108	3,059
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	2	54	(D)	2,599
Hogs and pigs	(D)	34	64	(D)	2,926
Colonies of bees	(D)	15	43	(D)	2,392
Sheep and lambs	2,526	39	65	442	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	111,323	5	66	28	3,059
Soybeans	69,371	28	61	432	2,076
Corn for grain	59,030	23	65	428	2,592
All Wheat for grain	52,504	10	66	245	2,517
Corn for silage	30,115	5	65	21	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	78
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17
\$10,000 to \$19,999	22
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	44
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21
\$50,000 to \$99,999	86
\$100,000 to \$249,999	95
\$250,000 to \$499,999	42
\$500,000 or more	39
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	67,071
Average per farm (\$)	140,024
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,640
Average per farm (\$)	38,915

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	381
Other	99
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	453
Female	27
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	705
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	4
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.