

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Pennington, South Dakota

### Number of farms

696 farms in 2002, 686 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Land in farms

1,209,981 acres in 2002, 1,024,512 acres in 1997, up 18 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,738 acres in 2002, 1,493 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$43,139,000 in 2002, \$40,365,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,570,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$32,569,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

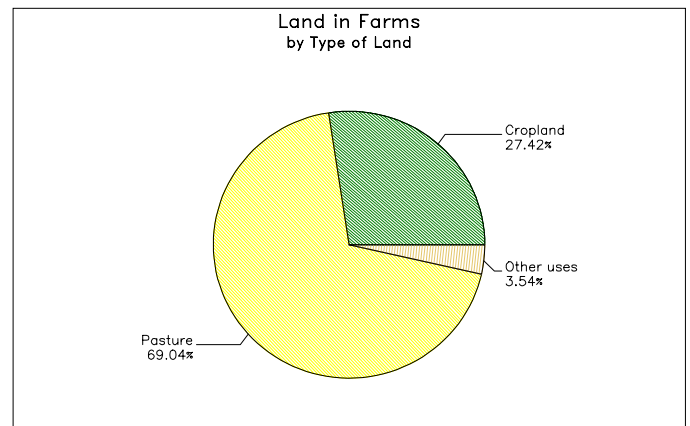
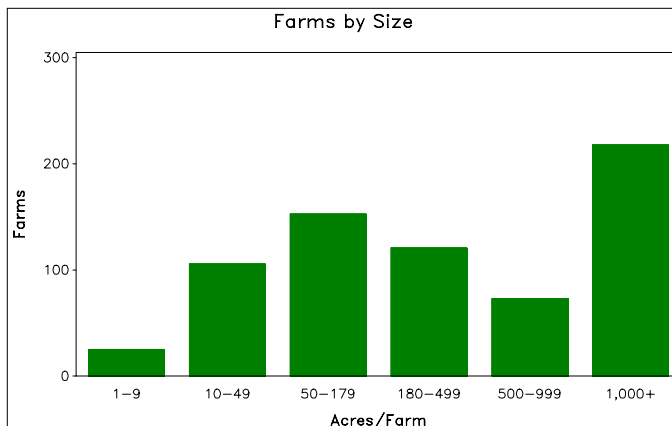
\$61,981 in 2002, \$58,842 in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,097,000 in 2002, \$1,975,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,960 in 2002, \$9,229 in 1997, down 3 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	43,139	40	66	1,343	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,570	43	66	1,612	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	32,569	33	66	873	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,315	51	66	1,295	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	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	30,721	19	66	291	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	923	36	59	1,405	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	77	53	65	968	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	521	6	66	367	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	9	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	102	37	62	849	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	58,705	29	66	444	3,059
Horses and ponies	3,242	2	66	174	3,065
Sheep and lambs	1,232	54	65	829	2,867
Colonies of bees	(D)	29	43	(D)	2,392
Layers 20 weeks old and older	537	26	66	1,849	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	104,183	7	66	38	3,059
All Wheat for grain	42,340	14	66	286	2,517
Sunflower seed	4,446	22	46	85	746
Safflower	3,193	1	14	17	112
Proso millet	2,599	7	41	22	177

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	147
\$1,000 to \$2,499	59
\$2,500 to \$4,999	55
\$5,000 to \$9,999	60
\$10,000 to \$19,999	75
\$20,000 to \$24,999	29
\$25,000 to \$39,999	59
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27
\$50,000 to \$99,999	72
\$100,000 to \$249,999	81
\$250,000 to \$499,999	26
\$500,000 or more	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	41,748
Average per farm (\$)	59,725
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,329
Average per farm (\$)	4,762

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	454
Other	242
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	579
Female	117
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,065
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	12
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	9
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.