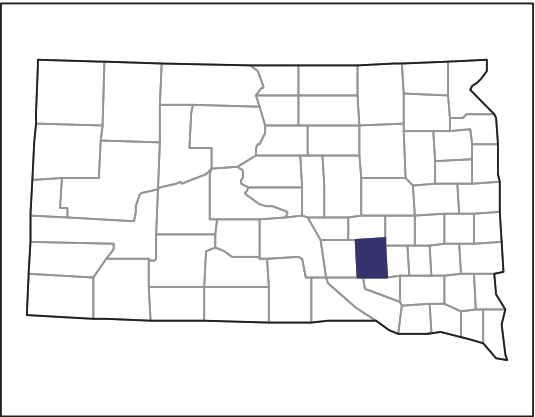


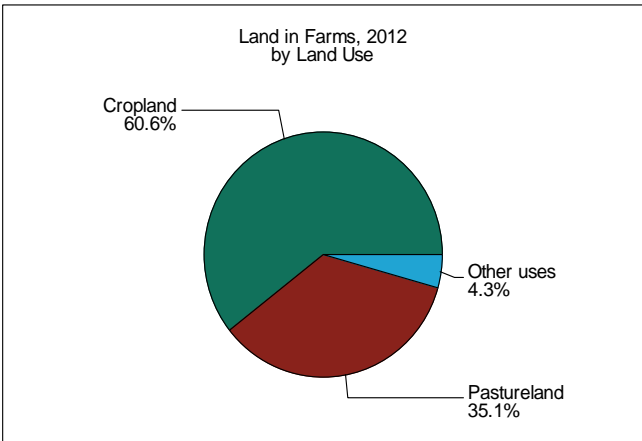
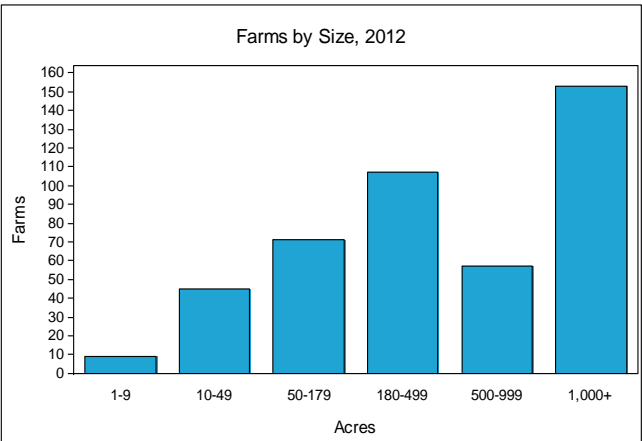
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Aurora County South Dakota

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	442	379	+ 17
<b>Land in Farms</b>	442,007 acres	364,612 acres	+ 21
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	1,000 acres	962 acres	+ 4
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$127,256,000	\$102,716,000	+ 24
Crop Sales \$68,196,000 (54 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$59,060,000 (46 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$287,910	\$271,018	+ 6
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,875,000	\$3,133,000	+ 24
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,763	\$9,759	+ 10





## Aurora County – South Dakota

### Ranked items among the 66 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	127,256	32	66	941	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	68,196	37	66	925	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	59,060	30	66	801	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	64,730	38	66	695	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	41	-	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	31	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	37	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	7	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,466	31	66	850	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	5	65	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	41,904	30	66	350	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	44	59	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	740	13	64	221	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	498	17	66	562	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	10	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	19	61	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	84,843	26	59	328	2,162
Corn for grain	81,059	32	66	384	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	42,247	25	66	325	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	22,364	36	66	432	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	21,528	18	65	349	2,480
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	(D)	1	65	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	1	42	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	56,295	32	66	416	3,063
Colonies of bees	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,761
Sheep and lambs	4,747	14	65	190	2,897

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	88	Farming	268
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9	Other	174
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	13	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	24	Male	417
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Female	25
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	41		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	74	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	68	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	59	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	115,706	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	261,779	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	632
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,766	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	69,605	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	4

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<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.