

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Meade, South Dakota

### Number of farms

895 farms in 2002, 863 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Land in farms

2,228,839 acres in 2002, 2,011,994 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

### Average size of farm

2,490 acres in 2002, 2,331 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$66,373,000 in 2002, \$51,810,000 in 1997, up 28 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,288,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$60,085,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

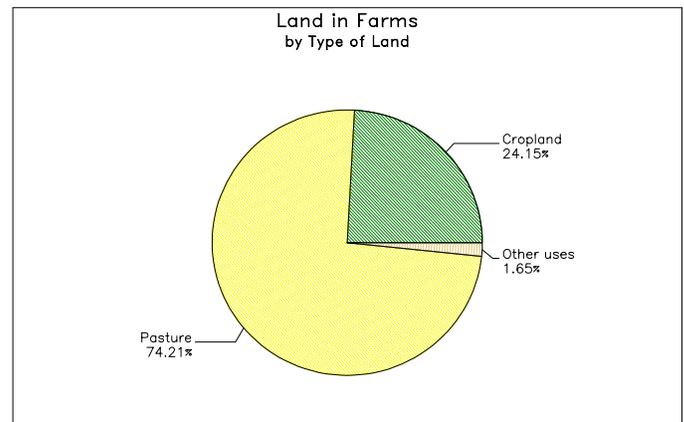
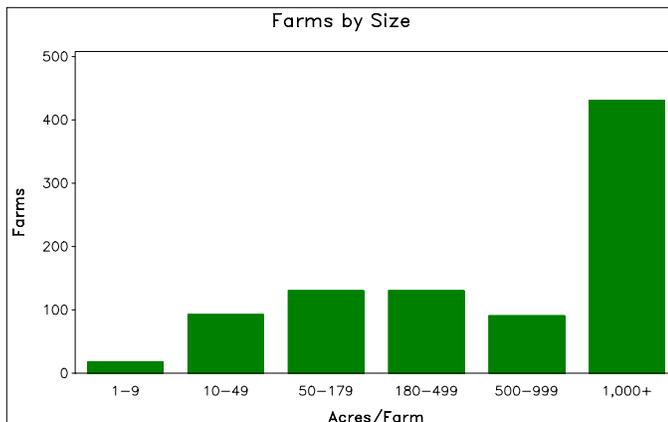
\$74,160 in 2002, \$60,035 in 1997, up 24 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,210,000 in 2002, \$2,622,000 in 1997, up 22 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,607 in 2002, \$6,901 in 1997, up 25 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	66,373	26	66	863	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,288	49	66	1,957	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	60,085	5	66	434	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,801	53	66	1,445	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	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	40	33	62	1,518	2,918
Cattle and calves	56,233	2	66	123	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,488	25	59	1,163	2,493
Hogs and pigs	88	52	64	1,498	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,233	5	65	80	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	641	3	66	258	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	9	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	363	22	62	378	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	119,705	2	66	85	3,059
Sheep and lambs	15,272	7	65	82	2,867
Horses and ponies	3,387	1	66	152	3,065
Colonies of bees	(D)	17	43	(D)	2,392
Layers 20 weeks old and older	825	19	66	1,532	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	167,190	2	66	8	3,059
All Wheat for grain	20,598	30	66	451	2,517
Sunflower seed	5,883	16	46	73	746
Corn for grain	2,291	53	65	1,524	2,592
Oats	2,176	21	66	224	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	135
\$1,000 to \$2,499	52
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61
\$5,000 to \$9,999	69
\$10,000 to \$19,999	94
\$20,000 to \$24,999	47
\$25,000 to \$39,999	60
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29
\$50,000 to \$99,999	150
\$100,000 to \$249,999	142
\$250,000 to \$499,999	45
\$500,000 or more	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	50,493
Average per farm (\$)	56,416
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	20,530
Average per farm (\$)	22,938

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	656
Other	239
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	808
Female	87
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,340
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	15
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	4
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.