

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mellette, South Dakota

Number of farms

200 farms in 2002, 213 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

660,456 acres in 2002, 625,407 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

3,302 acres in 2002, 2,936 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$30,611,000 in 2002, \$17,126,000 in 1997, up 79 percent.

Crop sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

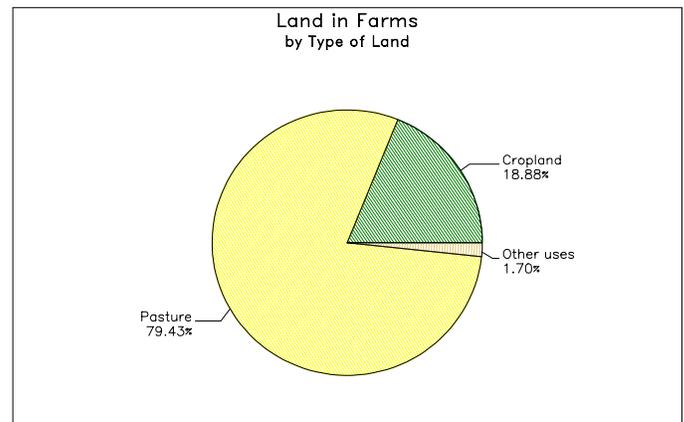
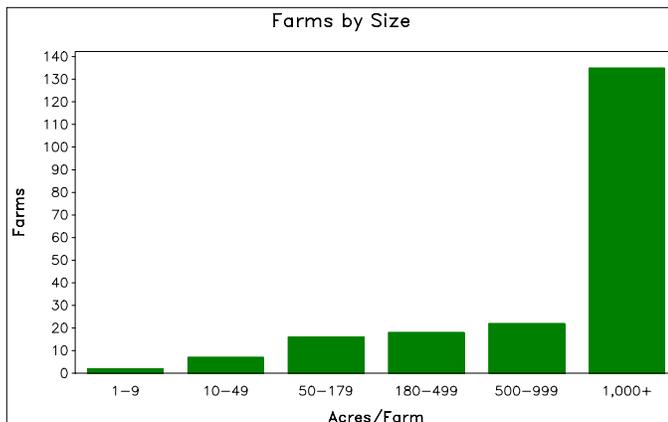
\$153,053 in 2002, \$80,406 in 1997, up 90 percent.

Government Payments

\$919,000 in 2002, \$1,086,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,192 in 2002, \$8,832 in 1997, up 4 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	30,611	51	66	1,679	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	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	-	-	36	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	10	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	246	63	66	2,425	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	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	7	64	65	2,457	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	297	12	66	735	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	9	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	62	62	2,697	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	2	64	(D)	2,926
Cattle and calves	46,596	40	66	636	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,357	18	66	886	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	238	45	66	2,379	2,983
Geese	180	6	49	195	2,396
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,236	47	66	588	3,059
All Wheat for grain	14,212	36	66	528	2,517
Corn for silage	3,256	50	65	528	2,307
Sorghum for grain	2,250	9	54	347	1,307
Corn for grain	2,206	54	65	1,536	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	21
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5
\$5,000 to \$9,999	8
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	41
\$100,000 to \$249,999	46
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	26,110
Average per farm (\$)	130,548
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,340
Average per farm (\$)	31,702

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	169
Other	31
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	176
Female	24
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	267
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	28
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	-
More than one race	6
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.