

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Union, South Dakota

Number of farms

522 farms in 2002, 553 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

276,588 acres in 2002, 283,279 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

530 acres in 2002, 512 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$79,895,000 in 2002, \$93,347,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$48,838,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$31,057,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

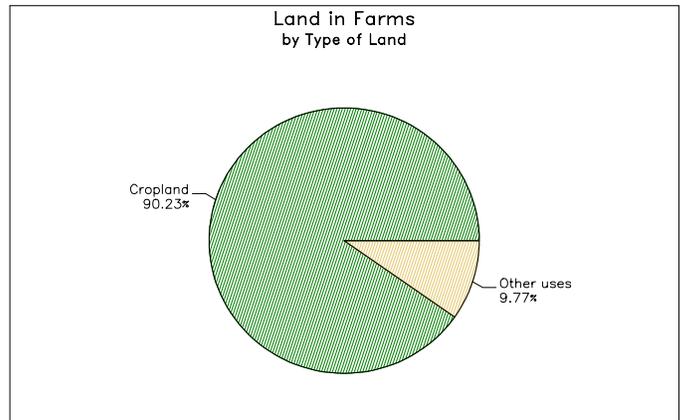
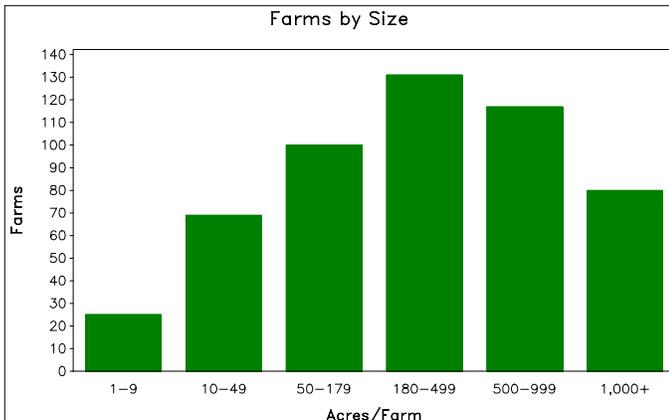
\$153,055 in 2002, \$168,800 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,470,000 in 2002, \$3,484,000 in 1997, down slightly.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,887 in 2002, \$8,084 in 1997, up 22 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	79,895	16	66	699	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	48,838	7	66	491	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	31,057	35	66	906	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	45,999	7	66	276	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	(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	23,116	35	66	421	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,149	32	59	1,297	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6,384	18	64	409	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	244	24	65	358	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	14	65	66	2,846	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	9	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	31,542	20	64	391	2,926
Cattle and calves	24,350	60	66	1,266	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,460	40	65	459	2,867
Pheasants	(D)	17	41	(D)	1,541
Bison	492	20	52	101	1,321
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	116,511	12	61	179	2,076
Corn for grain	102,034	10	65	204	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,980	63	66	1,202	3,059
Corn for silage	1,759	55	65	825	2,307
Oats	1,043	46	66	495	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	79	Farming	385
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	137
\$2,500 to \$4,999	17		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40	Male	503
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Female	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	44		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	76		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	126	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	61	White	711
\$500,000 or more	18	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	73,982	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	142,272	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	14,359	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	27,613	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.