

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## McPherson, South Dakota

### Number of farms

413 farms in 2002, 402 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Land in farms

536,730 acres in 2002, 552,223 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,300 acres in 2002, 1,374 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$60,384,000 in 2002, \$55,861,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,550,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$53,834,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

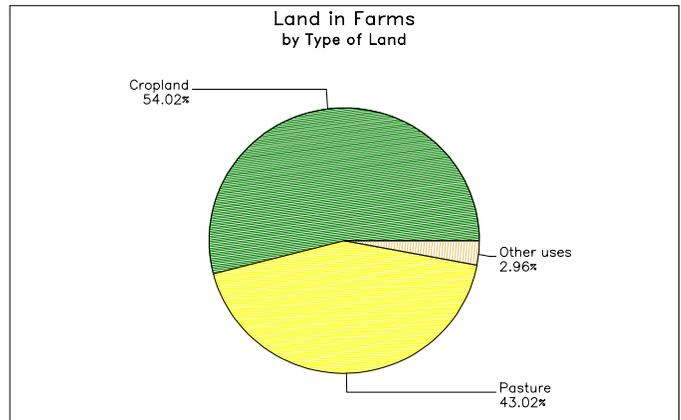
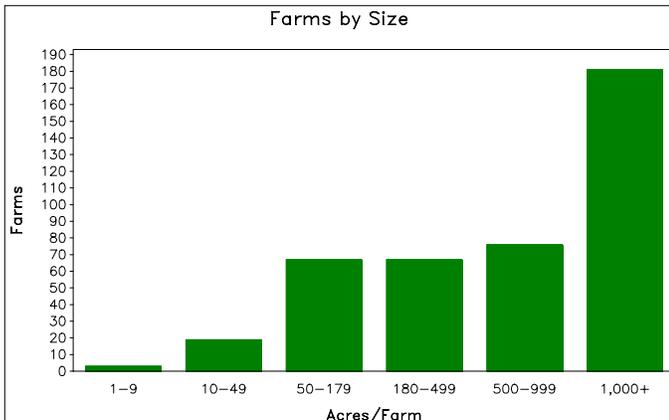
\$146,208 in 2002, \$138,958 in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,978,000 in 2002, \$3,114,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,248 in 2002, \$9,158 in 1997, up 1 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	60,384	30	66	952	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,550	47	66	1,931	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	53,834	11	66	512	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,380	47	66	1,209	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	-	-	36	-	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	7,456	2	62	532	2,918
Cattle and calves	34,383	14	66	251	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,387	27	59	1,199	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10,321	7	64	285	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	134	43	65	640	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	9	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	142,220	5	50	135	2,328
Cattle and calves	73,497	13	66	274	3,059
Hogs and pigs	43,833	11	64	316	2,926
Sheep and lambs	2,901	37	65	385	2,867
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	6	54	(D)	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	96,738	9	66	45	3,059
All Wheat for grain	21,906	29	66	432	2,517
Soybeans	20,829	41	61	826	2,076
Corn for grain	14,611	43	65	903	2,592
Corn for silage	13,190	14	65	103	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	121
\$1,000 to \$2,499	8
\$2,500 to \$4,999	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23
\$10,000 to \$19,999	22
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22
\$50,000 to \$99,999	76
\$100,000 to \$249,999	67
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21
\$500,000 or more	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	47,973
Average per farm (\$)	116,158
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	17,256
Average per farm (\$)	41,782

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	285
Other	128
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	395
Female	18
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	592
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	2
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.