

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Bennett, South Dakota

### Number of farms

231 farms in 2002, 255 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Land in farms

727,294 acres in 2002, 772,262 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Average size of farm

3,148 acres in 2002, 3,028 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$23,243,000 in 2002, \$28,115,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,396,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$16,847,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

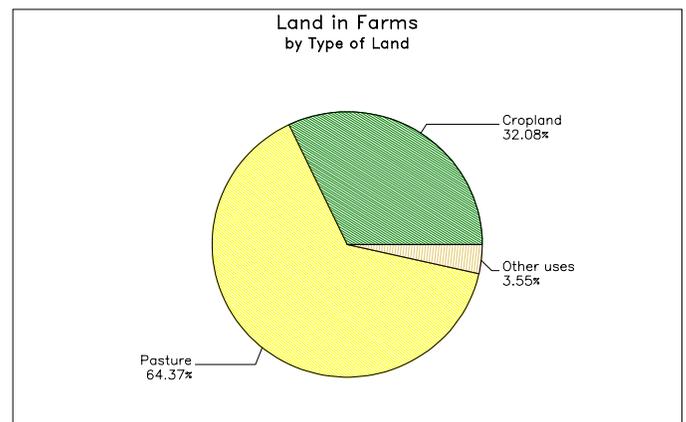
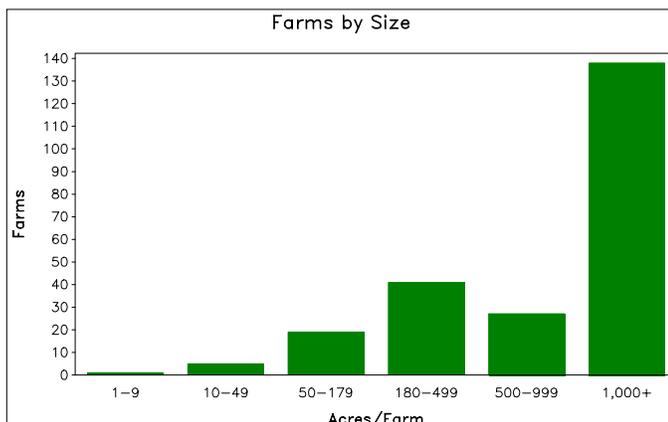
\$100,621 in 2002, \$110,256 in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,775,000 in 2002, \$1,299,000 in 1997, up 37 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,328 in 2002, \$9,214 in 1997, up 34 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	23,243	57	66	1,950	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,396	48	66	1,943	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,847	54	66	1,441	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,389	49	66	1,285	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	2,008	24	66	637	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	16,543	47	66	641	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	59	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	27	61	65	1,689	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	84	43	66	1,931	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>					
Cattle and calves	45,634	41	66	648	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,371	17	66	868	3,065
Bison	(D)	9	52	(D)	1,321
Sheep and lambs	343	60	65	1,681	2,867
Colonies of bees <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	81,168	12	66	78	3,059
All Wheat for grain	29,384	21	66	366	2,517
Sunflower seed	7,761	13	46	54	746
Corn for silage	6,388	40	65	286	2,307
Corn for grain	4,399	48	65	1,324	2,592

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	17	Farming	198
\$1,000 to \$2,499	8	Other	33
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7	Male	204
\$10,000 to \$19,999	22	Female	27
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	White	331
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	67	American Indian or Alaska Native	37
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	6	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,080	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	90,087	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,796		
Average per farm (\$)	24,769		

(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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.