

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Potter, South Dakota

### Number of farms

256 farms in 2002, 280 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Land in farms

452,912 acres in 2002, 515,359 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,769 acres in 2002, 1,841 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$29,112,000 in 2002, \$43,837,000 in 1997, down 34 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$16,704,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,408,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

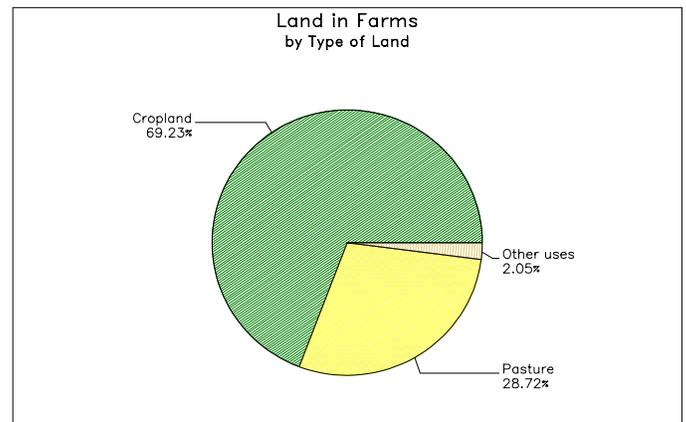
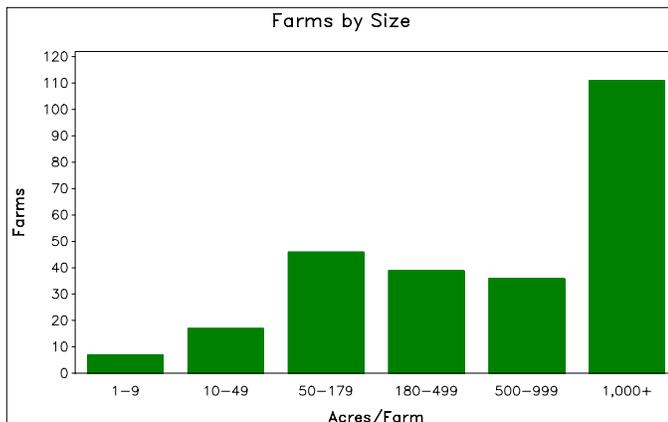
\$113,718 in 2002, \$156,561 in 1997, down 27 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,286,000 in 2002, \$3,234,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$17,572 in 2002, \$14,504 in 1997, up 21 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	29,112	52	66	1,731	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	16,704	33	66	1,303	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,408	58	66	1,691	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,422	32	66	771	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	282	61	66	2,340	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	10,843	60	66	937	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	352	47	59	1,805	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,040	42	64	863	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	100	49	65	811	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	60	54	66	2,241	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	31,072	57	66	1,031	3,059
Hogs and pigs	7,774	40	64	787	2,926
Sheep and lambs	1,747	48	65	627	2,867
Horses and ponies	367	58	66	2,447	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	288	20	54	1,332	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Wheat for grain	55,088	9	66	237	2,517
Sunflower seed	30,544	2	46	15	746
Corn for grain	28,737	38	65	676	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	28,137	52	66	785	3,059
Soybeans	22,873	37	61	796	2,076

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	57
\$1,000 to \$2,499	14
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	13
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36
\$100,000 to \$249,999	41
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22
\$500,000 or more	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,630
Average per farm (\$)	112,275
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,679
Average per farm (\$)	37,955

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	206
Other	50
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	241
Female	15
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	367
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.