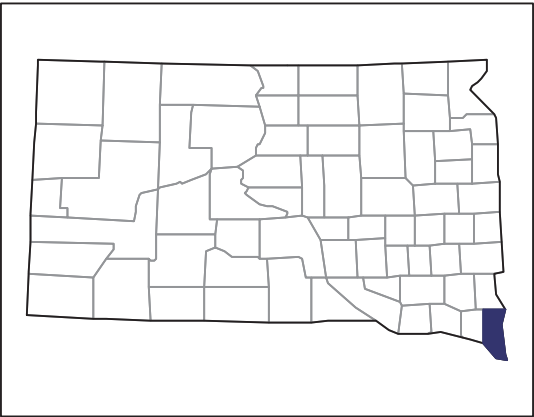


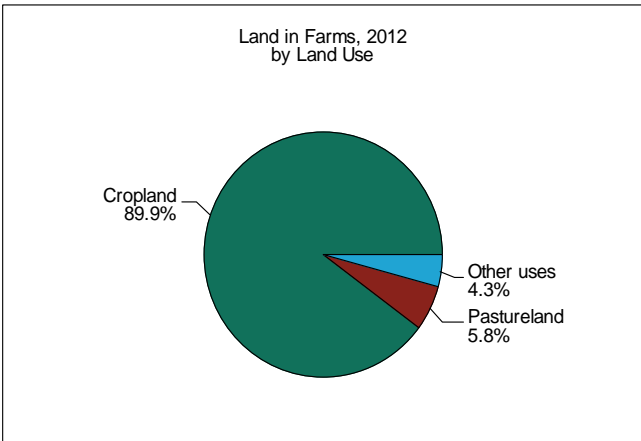
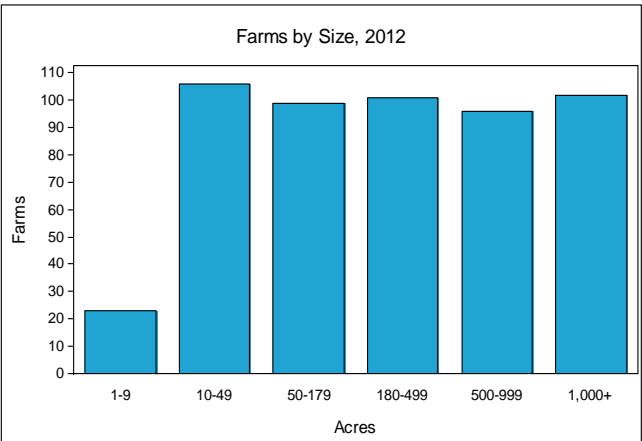
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Union County South Dakota

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	527	521	+ 1
<b>Land in Farms</b>	288,491 acres	278,916 acres	+ 3
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	547 acres	535 acres	+ 2
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$158,444,000	\$128,205,000	+ 24
Crop Sales \$106,501,000 (67 percent) Livestock Sales \$51,944,000 (33 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$300,653	\$246,075	+ 22
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$4,998,000	\$4,762,000	+ 5
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$11,733	\$10,921	+ 7





## Union County – South Dakota

### Ranked items among the 66 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	158,444	27	66	748	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	106,501	21	66	605	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	51,944	37	66	876	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	104,292	21	66	451	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	24	41	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	4	31	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	7	37	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	7	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,453	56	66	1,611	3,049
Poultry and eggs	8	48	65	2,445	3,013
Cattle and calves	41,092	32	66	363	3,056
Milk from cows	2,544	23	46	948	2,038
Hogs and pigs	7,856	21	59	469	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	281	39	64	598	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	9	65	66	2,842	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	10	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	154	45	61	883	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	120,941	16	66	207	2,638
Soybeans for beans	112,124	17	59	164	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,021	66	66	1,838	3,057
Corn for silage	4,541	45	66	410	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	470	64	66	1,891	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	24,106	62	66	1,173	3,063
Hogs and pigs	20,291	24	62	489	2,889
Sheep and lambs	896	47	65	978	2,897
Layers	337	49	65	2,568	3,040
Bison	190	20	39	126	1,126

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	100	Farming	335
\$1,000 to \$2,499	14	Other	192
\$2,500 to \$4,999	11	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Male	496
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23	Female	31
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	66	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	84	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	74	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	80	White	762
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	144,610	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	274,403	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	47,013		
Average per farm (\$)	89,209		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<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.