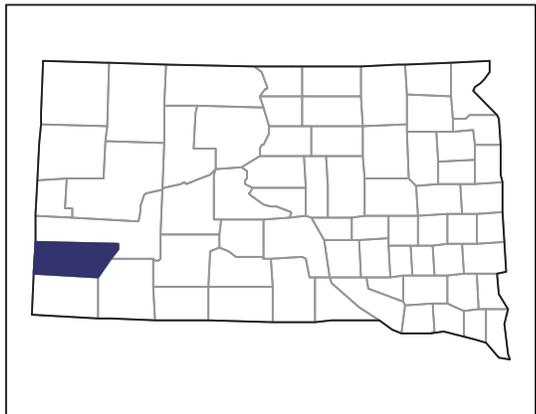


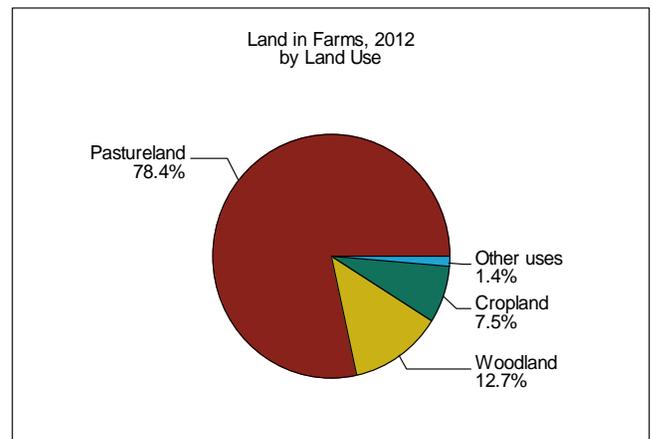
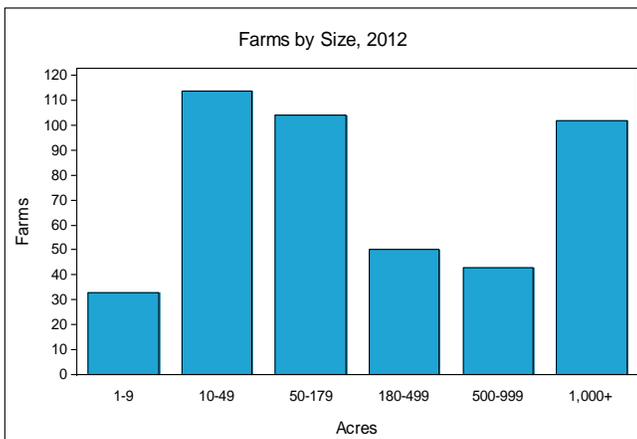
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Custer County South Dakota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	446	359	+ 24
Land in Farms	623,206 acres	601,129 acres	+ 4
Average Size of Farm	1,397 acres	1,674 acres	- 17
Market Value of Products Sold	\$26,013,000	\$14,377,000	+ 81
Crop Sales \$2,871,000 (11 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$23,143,000 (89 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$58,325	\$40,048	+ 46
Government Payments	\$1,285,000	\$1,075,000	+ 20
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$14,608	\$11,558	+ 26





Custer County – South Dakota

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

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	26,013	65	66	2,221	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,871	65	66	2,617	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	23,143	61	66	1,513	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,410	65	66	2,152	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	34	41	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	31	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	17	37	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	7	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,213	59	66	1,758	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	20,059	61	66	800	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	46	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	-	-	59	-	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	161	49	64	962	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,198	4	66	202	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	9	10	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,704	7	61	144	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,463	62	66	1,590	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	3,087	58	66	1,180	2,537
Sorghum for grain	2,400	9	36	259	1,220
Sunflower seed, all	2,199	34	48	125	565
Sunflower seed, oil	2,199	34	47	111	489
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	26,365	59	66	1,082	3,063
Bison	2,916	4	39	11	1,126
Horses and ponies	1,599	12	66	659	3,072
Layers	638	37	65	2,201	3,040
Goats, all	360	20	62	1,614	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	116	Farming	242
\$1,000 to \$2,499	33	Other	204
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	53	Male	370
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Female	76
\$25,000 to \$39,999	20		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	26	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$500,000 or more	9	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,959	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	51,477	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	743
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,274	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	14,067	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	11

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.

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.