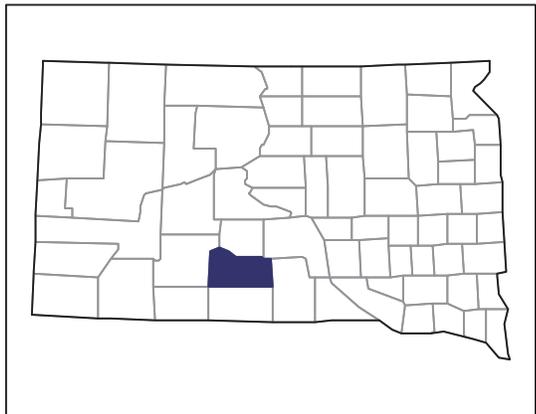


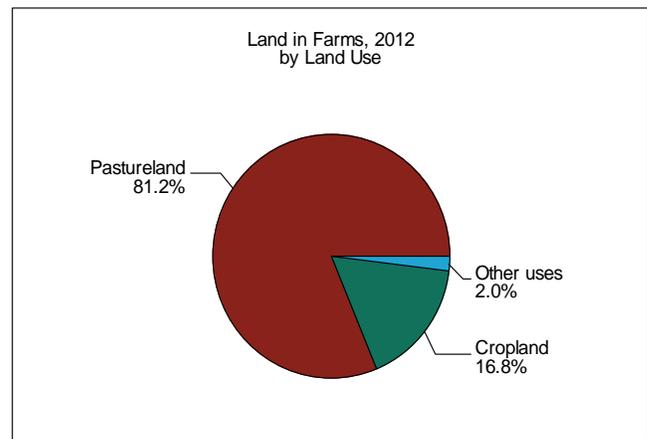
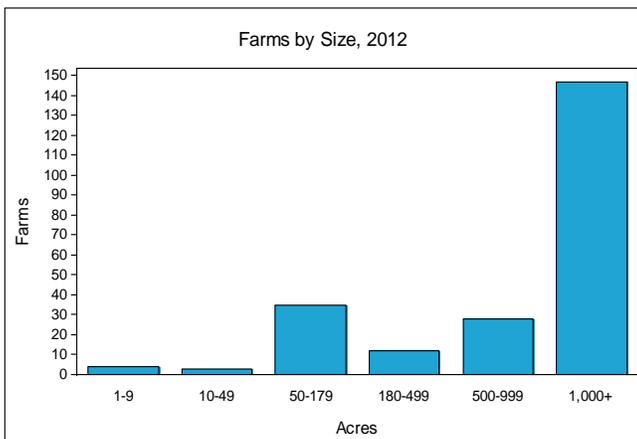
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Mellette County South Dakota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	229	216	+ 6
Land in Farms	698,784 acres	729,778 acres	- 4
Average Size of Farm	3,051 acres	3,379 acres	- 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$46,212,000	\$53,268,000	- 13
Crop Sales \$13,929,000 (30 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$32,282,000 (70 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$201,797	\$246,611	- 18
Government Payments	\$1,048,000	\$1,447,000	- 28
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,034	\$9,774	- 28





Mellette 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	46,212	62	66	1,827	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	13,929	62	66	1,917	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	32,282	52	66	1,240	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	9,796	61	66	1,528	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	31	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	28	37	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	7	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,993	24	66	748	3,049
Poultry and eggs	14	40	65	2,226	3,013
Cattle and calves	30,991	46	66	513	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	46	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	40	59	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	47	60	64	1,967	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	24	66	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	10	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	3	61	61	2,636	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	52,004	16	66	191	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	22,944	35	66	429	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	17,994	21	65	408	2,480
Sunflower seed, all	7,797	23	48	60	565
Sunflower seed, oil	6,387	26	47	64	489
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	53,289	34	66	457	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	38	62	(D)	2,889
Horses and ponies	1,340	15	66	838	3,072
Layers	668	35	65	2,168	3,040
Sheep and lambs	444	57	65	1,532	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	21	Farming	192
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3	Other	37
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	13	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Male	203
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	26
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	57	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	40	American Indian or Alaska Native	42
\$500,000 or more	24	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	37,435	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	163,471	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	315
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,333	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	53,858	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2

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.