



Aurora County South Dakota

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	392	-11
Land in farms (acres)	354,554	-20
Average size of farm (acres)	904	-10
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	138,196,000	+9
Government payments	4,879,000	+26
Farm-related income	8,561,000	-44
Total farm production expenses	130,764,000	+13
Net cash farm income	20,872,000	-32
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	352,540	+22
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	15,013	+39
Farm-related income	28,347	-37
Total farm production expenses	333,581	+27
Net cash farm income	53,244	-24

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	47
Livestock, poultry, and products	53

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	65
Pastureland	32
Woodland	(Z)
Other	3

Acres irrigated: -

-% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	29
Reduced till	30
Intensive till	11
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	95	24
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10	3
\$10,000 to \$24,999	40	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	28	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25	6
\$100,000 or more	181	46

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	15	4
10 to 49 acres	52	13
50 to 179 acres	78	20
180 to 499 acres	90	23
500 to 999 acres	62	16
1,000 + acres	95	24

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	138,196	32	66	832	3,077
Crops	64,497	34	66	913	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	62,535	34	66	633	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	-	-	41	-	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	31	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	33	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	9	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,962	34	66	1,228	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	73,699	27	66	695	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	4	66	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	50,491	24	66	283	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	38	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	9,079	25	62	397	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	105	38	65	1,410	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	7	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	631
Male	445
Female	186
Age	
<35	72
35 – 64	368
65 and older	191
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	2
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	4
White	625
More than one race	-
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	1
With military service	40
New and beginning farmers	91

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	82
Farm organically	-
Sell directly to consumers	(Z)
Hire farm labor	32
Are family farms	94

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Soybeans for beans	74,807
Corn for grain	74,521
Forage (hay/haylage), all	37,114
Wheat for grain, all	6,528
Corn for silage or greenchop	4,828

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	57,078
Goats	72
Hogs and pigs	21,264
Horses and ponies	335
Layers	(D)
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	3,749
Turkeys	-

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.