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## **SOUTH DAKOTA FARM NUMBERS LOWER**

**SIoux FALLS, S.D. February 17, 2017**– South Dakota’s number of farms and ranches declined during 2016, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of farms and ranches in the State, at 31,000, was down 300 farms from 2015. Numbers of farms and ranches in South Dakota with less than \$100,000 in agricultural sales remained unchanged from the year earlier, while operations with more than \$100,000 were down 300 farms from 2015.

Land in farms and ranches in South Dakota totaled 43.3 million acres, unchanged from 2015. The average size of operation, at 1,397 acres, was up 14 acres from a year earlier.

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