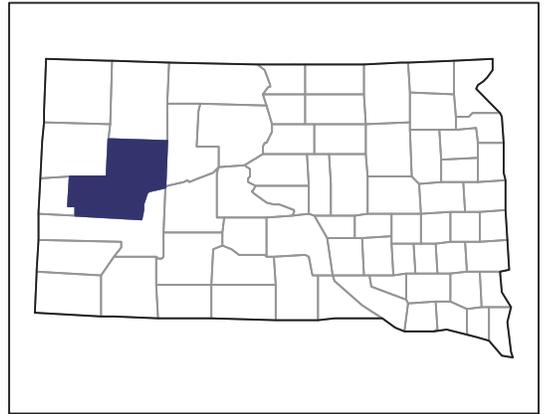


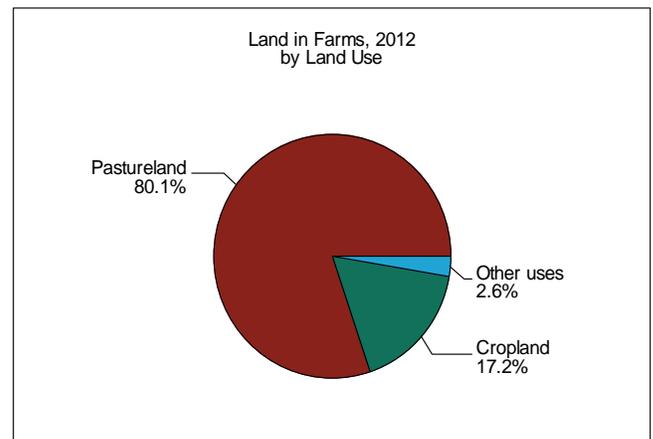
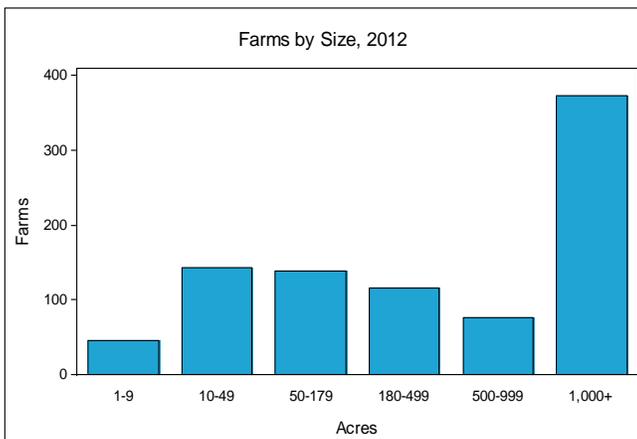
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Meade County South Dakota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	891	879	+ 1
Land in Farms	2,032,553 acres	2,208,880 acres	- 8
Average Size of Farm	2,281 acres	2,513 acres	- 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$116,443,000	\$78,408,000	+ 49
Crop Sales \$25,425,000 (22 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$91,018,000 (78 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$130,688	\$89,201	+ 47
Government Payments	\$4,935,000	\$5,967,000	- 17
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$13,055	\$13,942	- 6





Meade 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	116,443	41	66	1,026	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	25,425	54	66	1,582	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	91,018	12	66	521	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15,885	56	66	1,323	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	33	41	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	31	31	2,718	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	6	37	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	7	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	3	66	334	3,049
Poultry and eggs	28	32	65	1,880	3,013
Cattle and calves	85,468	6	66	158	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	38	46	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	12	49	59	2,040	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	3,049	3	64	44	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,373	3	66	165	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	10	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	25	61	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	112,514	3	66	17	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	55,644	15	66	246	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	39,572	11	65	218	2,480
Spring wheat for grain	16,072	24	63	138	633
Sunflower seed, all	9,106	19	48	50	565
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	123,934	2	66	77	3,063
Sheep and lambs	15,383	3	65	66	2,897
Horses and ponies	4,090	2	66	104	3,072
Colonies of bees	(D)	15	46	(D)	2,761
Layers	1,951	13	65	1,307	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	171	Farming	507
\$1,000 to \$2,499	47	Other	384
\$2,500 to \$4,999	49		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	87	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	62	Male	812
\$20,000 to \$24,999	37	Female	79
\$25,000 to \$39,999	46		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	34	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	104		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	116	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	85	American Indian or Alaska Native	18
\$500,000 or more	53	Asian	-
		Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	95,055	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Average per farm (\$)	106,684	White	1,400
		More than one race	9
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	33,409	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	36
Average per farm (\$)	37,496		

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.