

**DAKOTA COUNTY, MN**

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	890	869	986
Acreage	221,316	221,193	219,920
Average size (acres)	249	255	223
Median size (acres)	88	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	569,875	392,653	290,953
Machinery/equip (dollars)	95,870	70,869	59,106
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	196,148	199,534	193,620
Harvested	183,564	173,179	156,240
Irrigated	41,386	42,710	39,425
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	102,979	80,253	64,449
(dollars avg. per farm)	115,707	92,351	65,364
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	21,247	17,503	13,024
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	32,991	29,787	32,719
Beef cows	3,014	2,005	2,224
Milk cows	4,795	5,571	6,748
Hogs and pigs	32,324	40,513	36,091
Sheep and lambs	944	1,108	2,327
Layers 13 wks or/older	2,062	D	45,977
Broilers and chicken (sold)	2,456	2,230	3,713
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Corn, grain or seed	88,550	83,805	65,176
Corn, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	2,879	4,021	5,715
Barley	194	312	253
Oats	1,372	2,879	5,815
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	0	0	0
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	64,453	53,334	49,266
Dry edible beans, excl limas	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	12,830	14,586	18,224
<b>Vegetables</b>			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

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**Orchards**

Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

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**Abbreviations/footnotes:**

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture