



GROWING AGRITOURISM IN SOUTH DAKOTA



AGRITOURISM

SOUTH DAKOTA'S DEFINITION

Any activity carried out on a farm, on a ranch, or in a forest that allows members of the public, for recreation, entertainment, or education purposes, to view or participate in agricultural activities, including farming, ranching, historical, cultural, harvest-your-own, or nature-based activities and attractions. An activity is not an agritourism activity if the participant is paid to participate in the activity.



TYPES OF AGRITOURISM



Recreation



Education



Entertainment



Hospitality



On-Farm Sales



Cultural Events

RECREATION



EDUCATION



ENTERTAINMENT



HOSPITALITY



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ON FARM SALES



Photo Credit – Berndt Family Produce



Photo Credit – Prairie Heirloom Farm



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CULTURAL EVENTS



WHY AGRITOURISM?



1. SHIFT IN VISITOR INTEREST

TODAY'S VISITOR IS DIFFERENT

Motivation for Vacation

Motivations	Millennials %	Xers %	Boomers %	Matures %
Relaxation	88	89	91	83
Get away from home	86	89	87	7
Exploration	84	80	78	68
Enhance Relationship	77	72	71	57
Experience different cultures	81	71	67	66
Experience new cuisines	74	68	61	55
Self-discovery	64	52	43	27
Meet new people	53	41	44	51
Pursue a hobby	59	45	34	24
Pursue wellness programs/lifestyles	50	39	24	20
Play/participate in a sport	43	27	18	10

TODAY'S VISITOR IS DIFFERENT

“Actually, they strive for the most **authentic experience**, wanting to **live like a local** whatever destination they desire,” says Leavitt of Active Travels.”



WIDE OPEN SPACES



Photo Credit – Triangle Ranch

FAMILY & KID FRIENDLY



HISTORY





2. INCREASE THEIR TIME IN THE STATE



**Length of their
stay**



**Capacity for higher
volume of visitors**



2.1 BILLION

**Generated in household income
(salaries) from visitor spending**



3. BENEFIT RURAL SOUTH DAKOTA

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REVITALIZING OUR SMALL TOWNS



\$194
MILLION

Local Tax Dollars
Collections

\$167
MILLION

State Sales Tax
Collections



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TOURISM AFFECTS LOCAL ECONOMIES



COMMUNITY

Every tax dollar visitors spend helps pay for teachers, roads, healthcare, public safety and other government services.

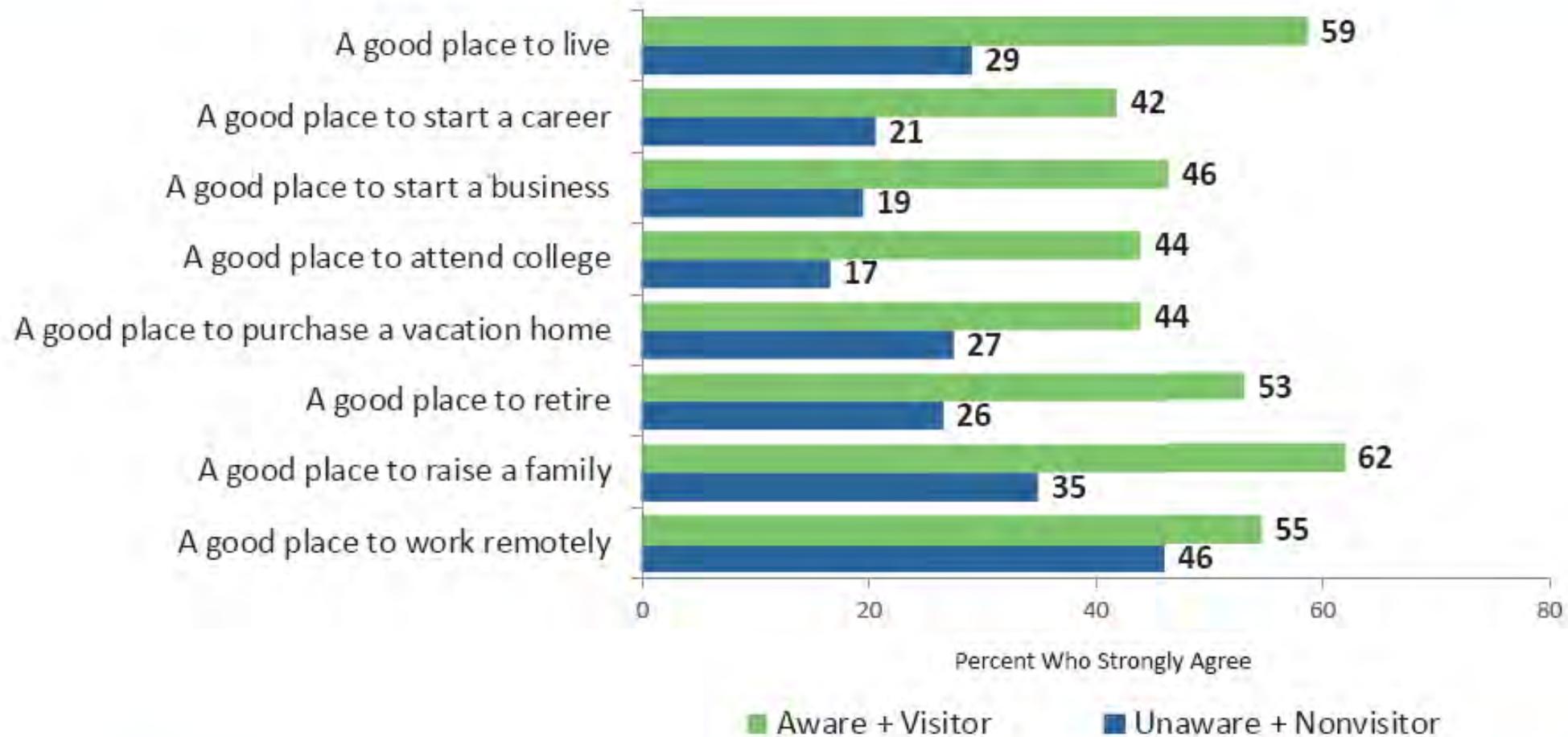


BUSINESSES

Visitors travel the entire state supporting local businesses like cafes, convenience stores and hotels/motels.

Impact of Ad Awareness *plus* Visitation on South Dakota's Economic Development Image

Base: Out-of-State Residents of South Dakota's Advertising Markets





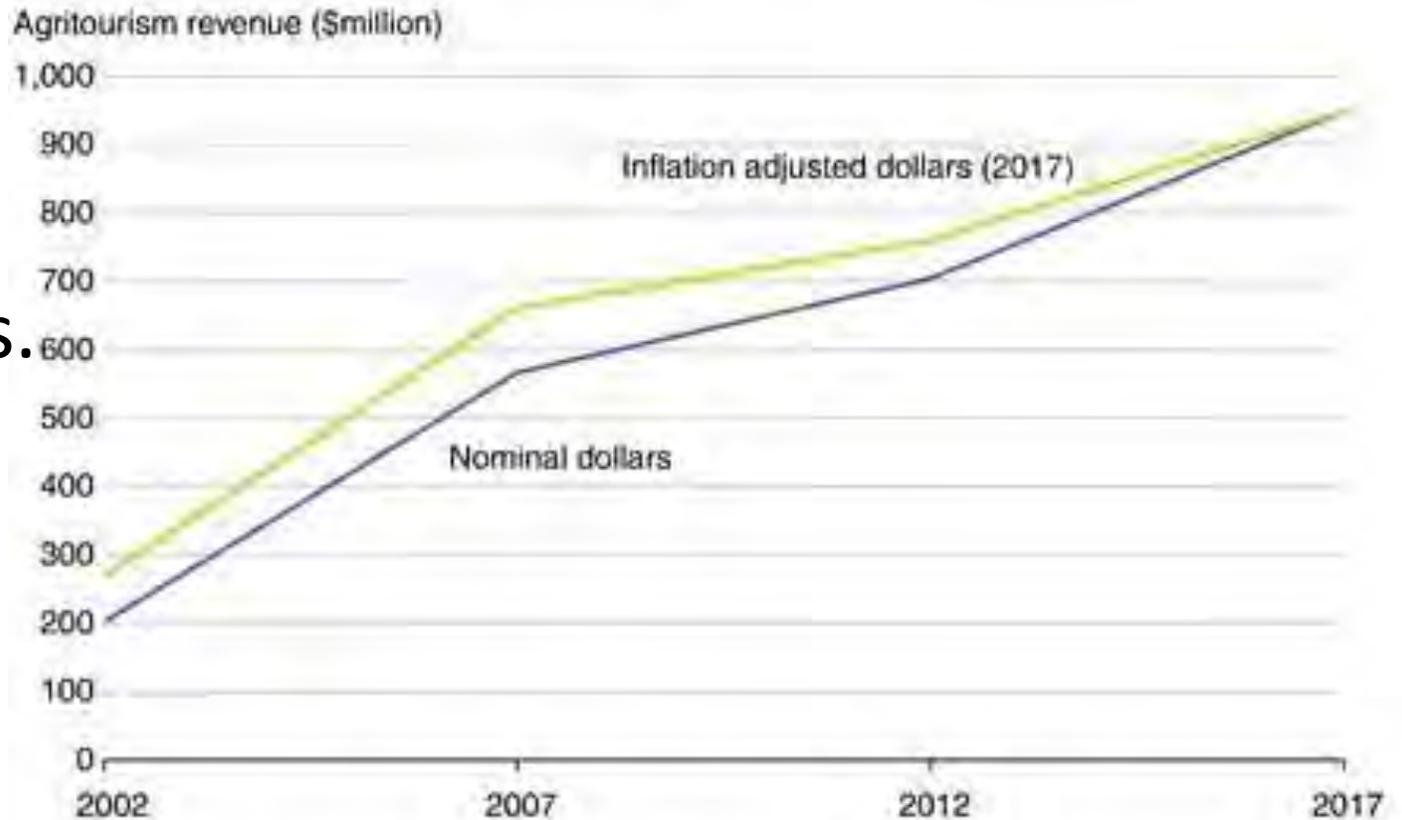
4. BENEFITS TO PRODUCERS

DIVERSIFYING INCOME

Agritourism can be an important adaptation strategy for overcoming economic disparity and enhancing viability for farms and ranches.



Agritourism revenue tripled between 2002 and 2017

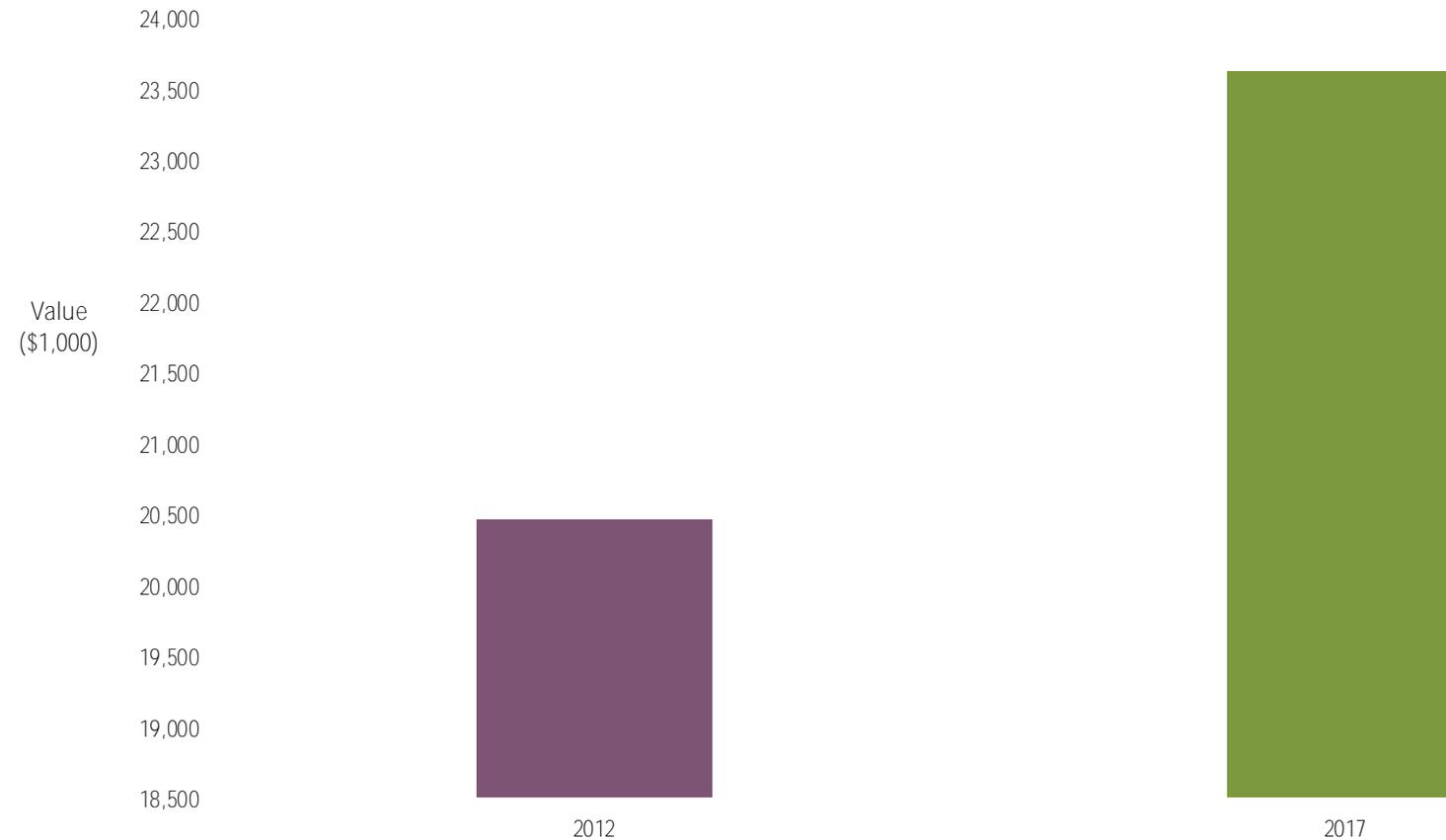


Note: Values for the blue line are adjusted for inflation using the chain-type gross domestic product (GDP) deflator (2017 = 100). Nominal dollars are not adjusted for inflation.

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using data from USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002, 2007, 2012, and 2017 Census of Agriculture.

INCOME FROM FARM-RELATED RESOURCES

Agritourism and Recreational Services (Average Per Farm)



FUTURE GENERATIONS



CONSERVING THE LAND

Conservation easements protect natural value of property assuring its availability for agricultural, recreational or open space use, protecting natural resources.

Wildlife oriented agritourism such as bird watching, fishing, wildlife photography requires managing land for wildlife.

Long term agritourism sustainability depends on preserving the quality of the nature-based environment.



“Birding made our conservation efforts profitable.”

-Sarah Sortum, Calamus Outfitters



AGRITOURISM LIABILITY LAW

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SENATE BILL 135

- Provides protection from liability to commercial agritourism activities
- Clearly defines non-commercial and commercial agritourism
- Requires owner to post warning sign and include warning in a contract signed between two parties
- Consistent definition of agritourism activities within statute
- Corrects inconsistencies and drafting errors in current statute
- Went into effect July 1, 2022





PANELISTS

Nancy Kirstein, The Good Earth Farm, Lennox, SD

Lyndy Ireland, Triangle Ranch Bed & Breakfast, Philip, SD

Laura Klock, Farm Life Creamery, Ethan, SD

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THE GOOD EARTH FARM

LENNOX, SD



We've been on our farm since 2011.
We shifted focus from being a CSA farm to
Agritourism starting in 2020.

This past summer was our first full season of
being a Pizza Farm, event space, and pumpkin
patch.

What we do:
Farm Animal Sanctuary
Events and Event Rentals
Woodfired Pizzas
Pumpkin Patch





THE GOOD EARTH HOEDOWN

Featuring Humble Town and Kota Cafe Food Truck!



Friday, August 27, 2021
6-10pm





What visitors can expect:

A relaxed setting with plenty of space to spread out and/or run around.
A true farm to table dining experience with locally sourced ingredients and
local beer & wine.



Challenges:

Proper zoning took 3 years.

Figuring out what works for us and what is profitable.

Weather

Successes:

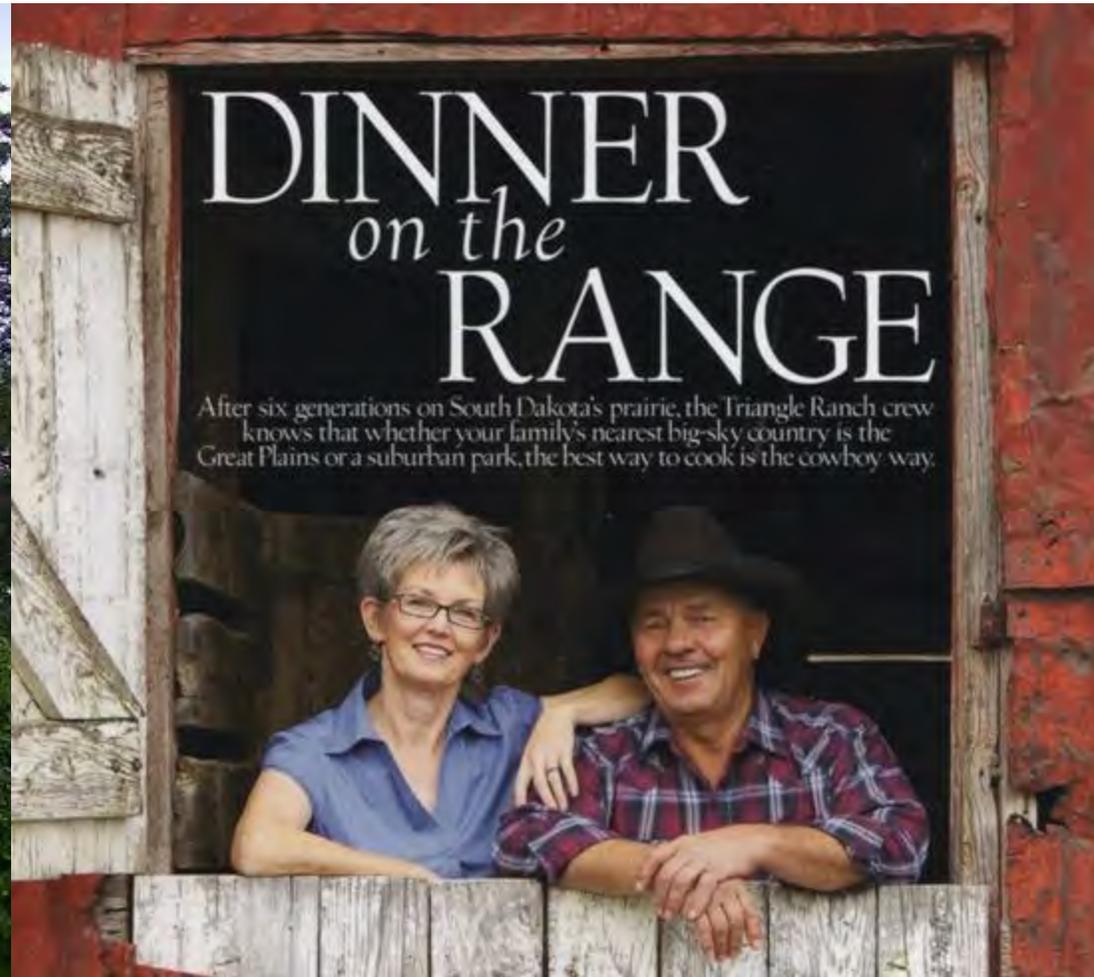
Our business continues to grow.

Being able to share our space with so many people and animals has been fantastic.





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ETHAN, SD



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FARM EXPERIENCE

HOLE 15
PAR 3

J&C CONSTRUCTION
CONCRETE & CARPENTRY
CHRIS J. RUDEN
605-999-1838

1892 vault
Event Venue
Intertwined Design
135 N 3rd Ave - Emery, SD
Emily Ruden 605-999-0567

BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER



















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