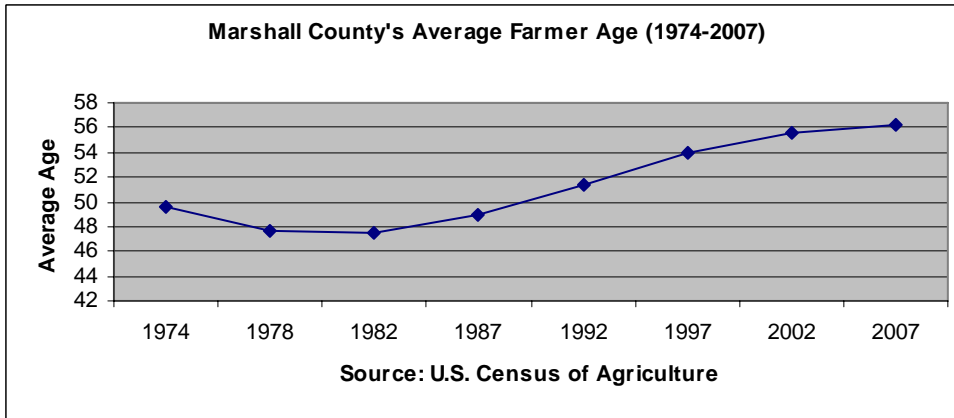


**Marshall County, SD's Average Farmer Age (1974-2007)**

	1974	1978	1982	1987	1992	1997	2002	2007
Marshall County	49.6	47.6	47.5	48.9	51.3	54	55.5	56.2



Marshall County's average age of farmer continues to increase. This is partially due to longer life expectancy, but is also due to fewer younger individuals beginning careers in agriculture.

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Source: U.S. Census of Agriculture