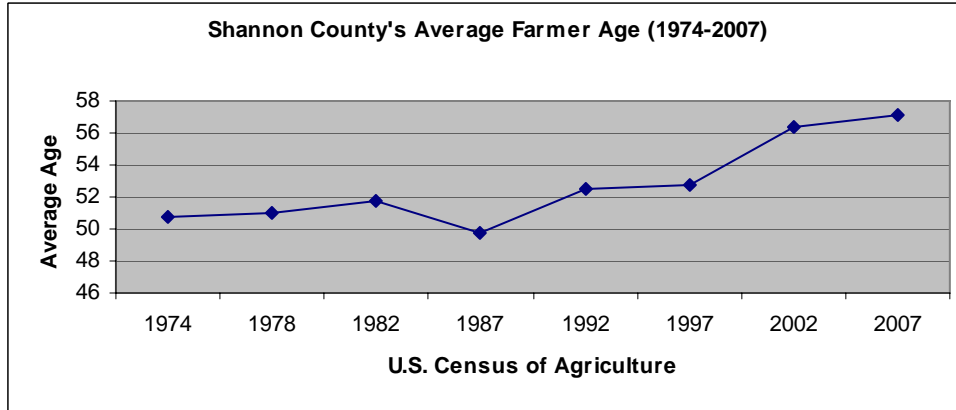


Shannon County, SD's Average Farmer Age (1974-2007)

| | 1974 | 1978 | 1982 | 1987 | 1992 | 1997 | 2002 | 2007 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Shannon County | 50.8 | 51 | 51.7 | 49.8 | 52.5 | 52.8 | 56.4 | 57.1 |



Shannon 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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