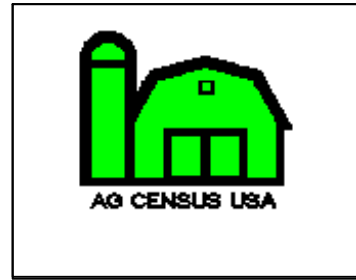


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## COLORADO

### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 33,983,029 acres in 1992 to 32,634,221 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 1,252 acres in 1992 to 1,154 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 16,181 farms in 1992 to 15,399 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

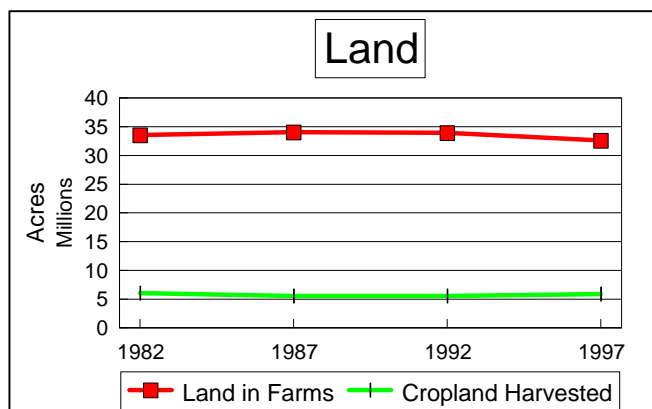
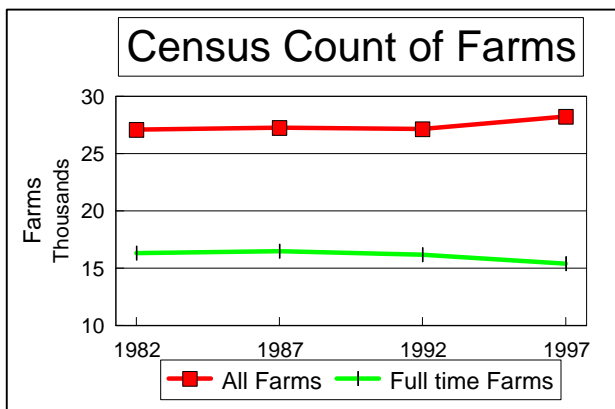
Increased 10 percent to \$4,534,213,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$151,575 in 1992 to \$160,401 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>			
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,534,213	17	50
Value of livestock and poultry	3,207,269	11	50
Value of crops including nursery	1,326,944	24	50
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>			
Cattle and calves	2,537,589	4	50
Corn for grain	310,046	13	48
Wheat	239,989	10	46
Nursery and greenhouse crops	211,743	15	50
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	200,890	7	50
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>			
Turkeys sold	(D)	18	49
Cattle and calves sold	3,751,788	5	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	28	50
Hogs and pigs sold	1,452,164	16	50
Sheep and lambs sold	1,217,150	1	50
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>			
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,595,189	26	50
Cattle and calves inventory	3,307,301	10	50
All turkeys inventory	(D)	15	50
Hogs and pigs inventory	787,440	15	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	639,580	23	50
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>			
Wheat-acres	2,515,100	7	46
Hay crops-acres	1,607,991	16	50
Corn for grain-acres	919,784	15	48
Sorghum for grain-acres	148,004	7	41
Proso millet-acres	125,765	1	19

### Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	13,397	12,007	12
\$10,000 or more .....	14,871	15,145	-2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	3,725,343	3,569,175	4
Average per farm .....dollars..	131,768	131,442	0
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	803,321	515,763	56
Average per farm .....dollars..	28,414	18,994	50
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	23,281	22,359	4
Partnership or corporation .....	4,675	4,539	3
Other .....	312	254	23
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	15,399	16,181	-5
Other .....	12,869	10,971	17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	25,067	24,654	2
Female .....	3,201	2,498	28
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	27,640	26,526	4
Black and other races .....	628	626	0
Average age of operator .....	53.8	52.9	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

\* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.