

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



COSTILLA COLORADO

Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 330,826 acres in 1992 to 363,220 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 19 percent from 1,788 acres in 1992 to 2,124 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 112 farms in 1992 to 86 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

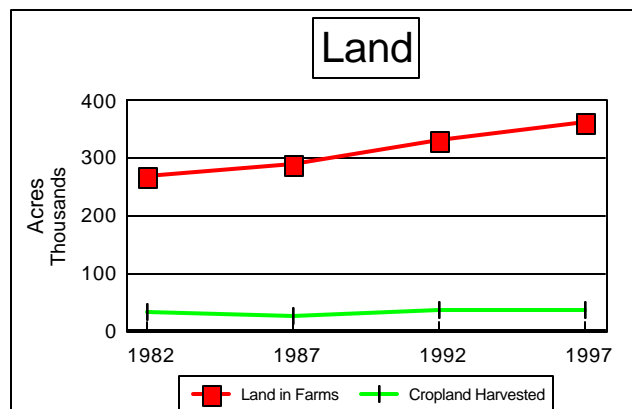
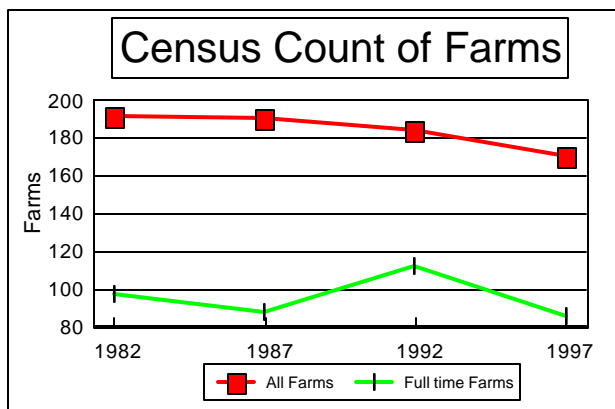
Increased 17 percent to \$15,978,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 26 percent from \$74,015 in 1992 to \$93,441 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	15,978	38	63	2,253	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	13,371	28	62	1,567	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,607	51	63	2,635	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	4,800	7	37	232	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,703	17	60	179	3,043
Cattle and calves	2,420	51	63	2,019	3,063
Barley	2,363	5	34	83	1,167
Wheat	1,286	22	47	811	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,320	48	63	1,965	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,053	20	56	464	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	46	54	2,743	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	10	56	61	2,737	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	37	41	2,101	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	12,099	45	62	1,971	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,465	20	56	448	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	275	51	63	2,292	3,066
All goat inventory	(D)	31	56	1,783	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	71	52	58	2,731	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	22,262	31	62	920	3,061
Wheat-acres	4,832	28	50	1,073	2,612
Potatoes-acres	4,384	4	24	58	1,733
Barley-acres	4,040	6	39	204	1,411
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	13	38	428	2,741

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	77	106	-27
\$10,000 or more	94	79	19
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,090	12,118	8
Average per farmdollars..	76,550	65,502	17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,555	1,202	29
Average per farmdollars..	9,093	6,497	40
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	135	159	-15
Partnership or corporation	36	26	38
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	86	112	-23
Other	85	73	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	152	172	-12
Female	19	13	46
Operators by race:			
White	109	126	-13
Black and other races	62	59	5
Average age of operator	54.9	52.3	5

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

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.