

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 156,801 acres in 1992 to 144,247 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 21 percent from 1,197 acres in 1992 to 949 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 15 percent from 71 farms in 1992 to 82 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

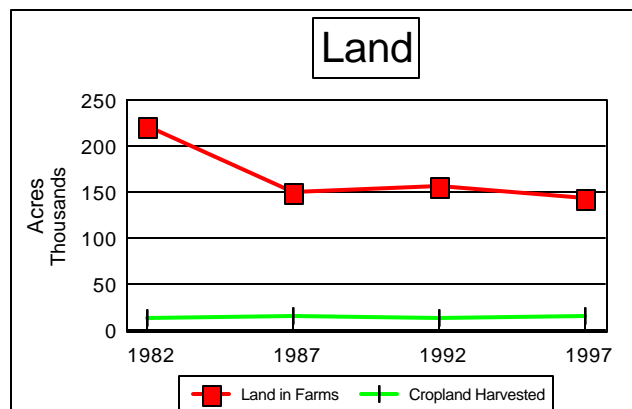
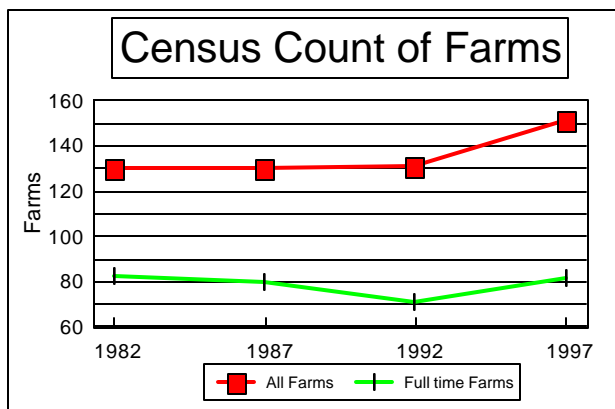
Increased 10 percent to \$4,816,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 6 percent from \$33,560 in 1992 to \$31,681 in 1997.



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

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,816	50	63	2,773	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,861	49	63	2,607	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,954	45	62	2,524	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,645	48	63	1,941	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,954	26	60	418	3,043
Horses and ponies	185	22	61	870	3,015
Sheep, lambs, and wool	13	47	56	1,747	2,787
Aquaculture	(D)	17	30	786	1,505
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	5,418	50	63	2,101	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	6	29	1,197	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	190	45	56	1,741	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	95	25	61	974	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	33	50	54	2,790	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	11,530	46	62	2,011	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	770	34	63	1,051	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	152	46	58	2,456	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	120	49	56	2,089	2,864
Rabbit inventory	(D)	14	51	788	2,456
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	16,419	35	62	1,228	3,061

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	78	56	39
\$10,000 or more .....	74	75	-1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	3,909	3,701	6
Average per farm .....dollars..	25,718	28,250	-9
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,057	1,002	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,952	7,650	-9
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	126	106	19
Partnership or corporation .....	25	25	
Other .....	1	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	82	71	15
Other .....	70	60	17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	130	108	20
Female .....	22	23	-4
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	148	130	14
Black and other races .....	4	1	300
Average age of operator .....	57.2	57.1	0

(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.