

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



DELTA COLORADO

Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 260,728 acres in 1992 to 281,889 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 276 acres in 1992 to 271 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 563 farms in 1992 to 553 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

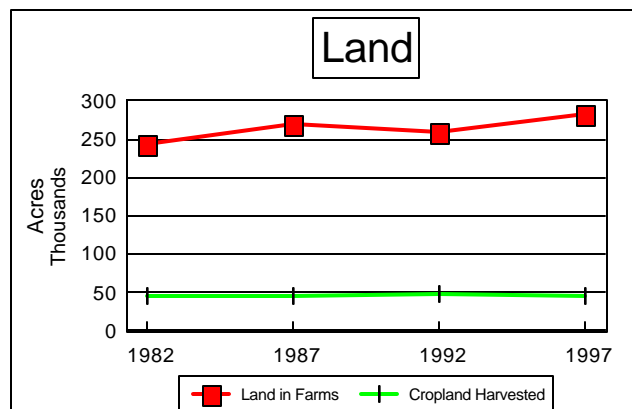
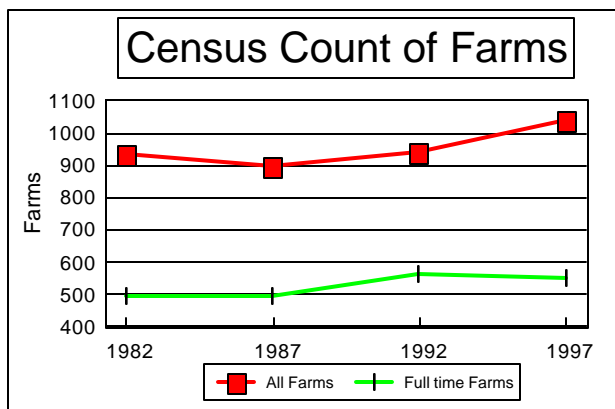
Decreased 12 percent to \$39,083,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 21 percent from \$47,288 in 1992 to \$37,544 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	39,083	24	63	1,461	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	23,906	20	63	1,078	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	15,177	23	62	1,469	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	11,647	25	63	779	3,063
Dairy products	5,671	5	42	578	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,651	9	38	191	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	4,178	2	24	163	2,547
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	5	51	669	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	26,716	24	63	735	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	1	1	29	191
Sheep and lambs sold	12,250	9	56	108	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	2	41	260	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	6,536	1	29	726	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	52,528	18	62	561	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	14,197	9	56	111	2,864
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	5	35	341	1,790
Mink inventory	(D)	1	4	40	239
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	4,850	1	56	252	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	32,273	21	62	618	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,511	22	35	1,462	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	3,480	1	31	152	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,992	7	38	291	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	1,962	12	36	698	2,473

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	633	561	13
\$10,000 or more	408	382	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	32,925	37,993	-13
Average per farmdollars..	31,629	40,246	-21
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,365	5,590	50
Average per farmdollars..	8,036	5,922	36
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	915	806	14
Partnership or corporation	118	128	-8
Other	8	9	-11
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	553	563	-2
Other	488	380	28
Operators by sex:			
Male	927	864	7
Female	114	79	44
Operators by race:			
White	1,025	934	10
Black and other races	16	9	78
Average age of operator	55.1	55.2	-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.