

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 167,106 acres in 1992 to 155,741 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 23 percent from 1,266 acres in 1992 to 973 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 11 percent from 98 farms in 1992 to 109 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

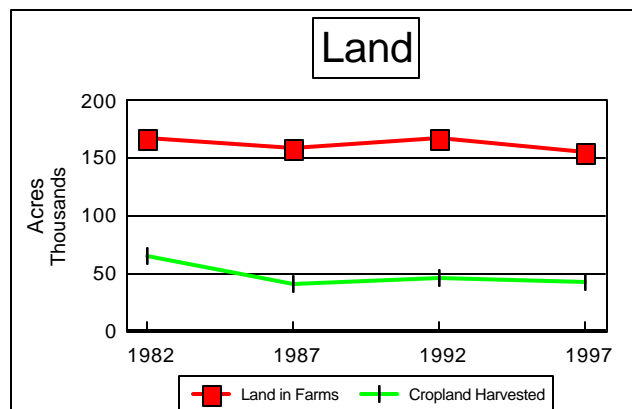
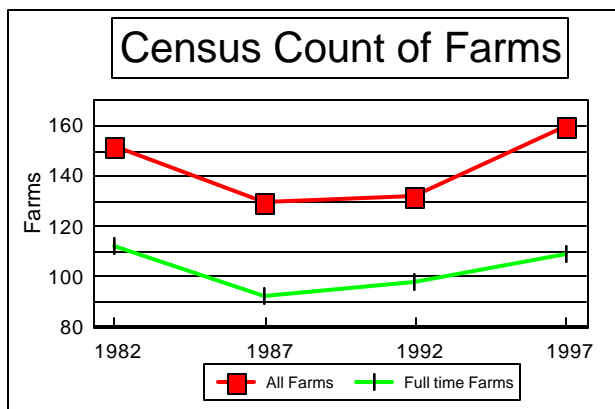
Increased 24 percent to \$8,601,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 2 percent from \$52,606 in 1992 to \$53,753 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	8,601	45	63	2,580	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	4,914	35	62	2,132	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,686	46	63	2,495	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	3,669	43	63	1,706	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,806	28	60	457	3,043
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	1,691	10	36	232	1,971
Wheat	865	26	47	971	2,578
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	20	51	1,309	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,808	45	63	1,913	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	5	37	916	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	21	56	56	2,498	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	12	55	61	2,681	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	8,587	52	62	2,275	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	224	54	63	2,497	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	95	49	58	2,658	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	51	55	56	2,404	2,864
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	27	46	1,861	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	17,248	18	50	581	2,612
Hay crops-acres	11,638	43	62	1,545	3,061
Dry edible beans excl lima-acres	1,273	4	28	33	679
Corn for silage-acres	421	22	36	1,515	2,473
Oats-acres	410	16	44	1,080	2,332

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	46	67
\$10,000 or more	83	86	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	6,101	4,845	26
Average per farmdollars..	38,372	36,707	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,397	1,305	84
Average per farmdollars..	15,073	9,886	52
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	135	116	16
Partnership or corporation	19	16	19
Other	6	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	109	98	11
Other	51	34	50
Operators by sex:			
Male	145	123	18
Female	15	9	67
Operators by race:			
White	159	129	23
Black and other races	1	3	-67
Average age of operator	54.1	54.7	-1

(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.