

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 231,364 acres in 1992 to 204,360 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 20 percent from 443 acres in 1992 to 356 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased slightly from 207 farms in 1992 to 209 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

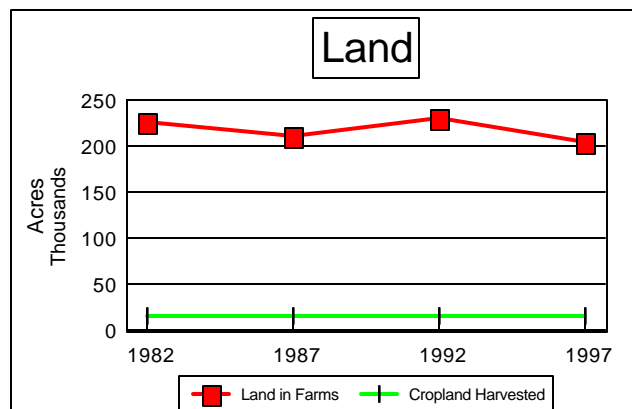
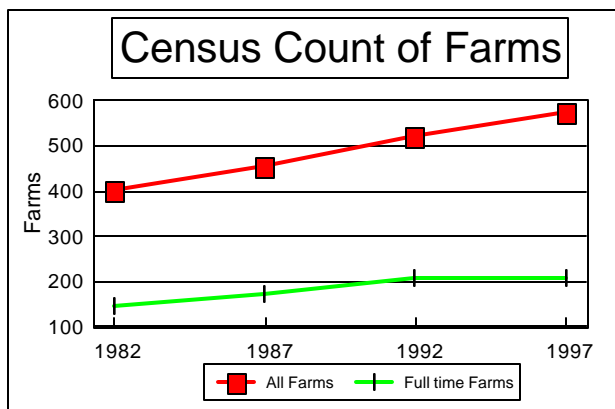
Increased 58 percent to \$17,119,000 in 1997.

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 44 percent from \$20,719 in 1992 to \$29,823 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	17,119	37	63	2,218	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,678	32	62	1,776	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,441	40	63	2,092	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,871	10	51	235	2,790
Cattle and calves	5,731	38	63	1,357	3,063
Horses and ponies	1,266	2	61	78	3,015
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	594	43	60	1,446	3,043
Dairy products	(D)	28	42	1,990	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	10,598	39	63	1,563	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	613	35	56	1,123	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	433	32	54	2,121	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	395	5	61	118	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	382	12	37	1,108	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,367	50	62	2,118	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	3,363	5	63	66	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	849	17	58	1,289	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	744	32	56	1,156	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	476	16	56	1,039	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	12,236	41	62	1,488	3,061
Wheat-acres	3,058	34	50	1,266	2,612
All nursery-acres	501	8	43	524	2,619
Oats-acres	210	23	44	1,368	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	33	36	2,094	2,473

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 .....	427	375	14
\$10,000 or more .....	147	147	
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	17,021	13,249	28
Average per farm .....dollars..	29,602	25,430	16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,935	(1,283)	329
Average per farm .....dollars..	5,104	(2,463)	307
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	476	450	6
Partnership or corporation .....	93	66	41
Other .....	5	6	-17
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	209	207	1
Other .....	365	315	16
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	450	397	13
Female .....	124	125	-1
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	566	518	9
Black and other races .....	8	4	100
Average age of operator .....	54.3	53.1	2

(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.