

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



EL PASO COLORADO

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 857,404 acres in 1992 to 866,953 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 1,189 acres in 1992 to 1,019 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 7 percent from 335 farms in 1992 to 357 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

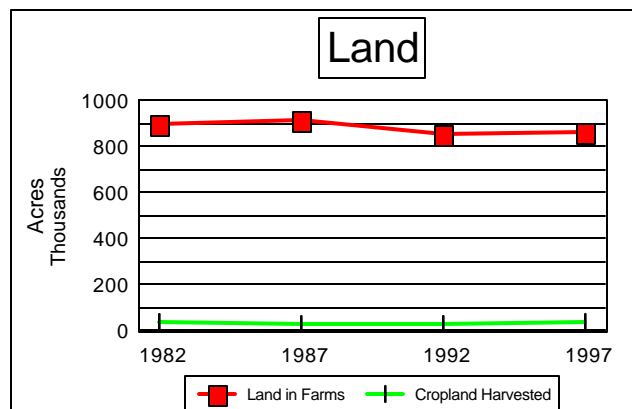
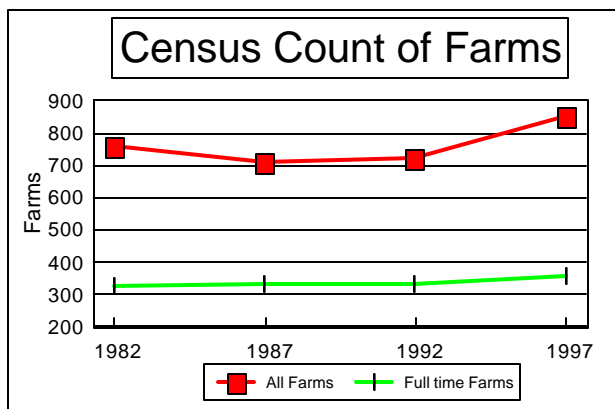
Increased 15 percent to \$30,330,000 in 1997.

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 3 percent from \$36,611 in 1992 to \$35,641 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	30,330	28	63	1,711	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	17,750	25	63	1,366	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	12,580	30	62	1,614	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	14,644	22	63	620	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	10,546	8	51	195	2,790
Dairy products	1,810	12	42	1,093	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,543	31	60	551	3,043
Horses and ponies	681	6	61	185	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	31,498	22	63	597	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	5,567	1	38	35	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	1,845	22	54	1,591	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	8	37	997	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	712	32	56	1,021	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	47,172	21	62	657	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	3,018	7	63	81	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,526	18	55	1,443	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,256	10	58	1,090	3,002
All goat inventory	911	4	56	219	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	27,577	24	62	729	3,061
Wheat-acres	4,029	31	50	1,159	2,612
All nursery-acres	1,567	3	43	180	2,619
Sorghum for silage-acres	712	11	27	139	1,323
Sorghum forage, hay-acres	469	12	24	50	382

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	544	409	33
\$10,000 or more	307	312	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	26,586	21,891	21
Average per farmdollars..	31,277	30,320	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,673	3,394	-51
Average per farmdollars..	1,968	4,701	-58
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	737	631	17
Partnership or corporation	107	88	22
Other	7	2	250
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	357	335	7
Other	494	386	28
Operators by sex:			
Male	683	615	11
Female	168	106	58
Operators by race:			
White	837	711	18
Black and other races	14	10	40
Average age of operator	53.5	53.0	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.