

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



ELBERT COLORADO

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 1,105,614 acres in 1992 to 1,095,248 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 1,542 acres in 1992 to 1,332 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 352 farms in 1992 to 363 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

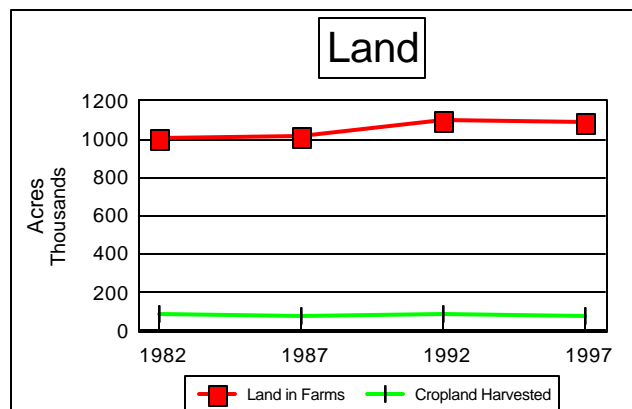
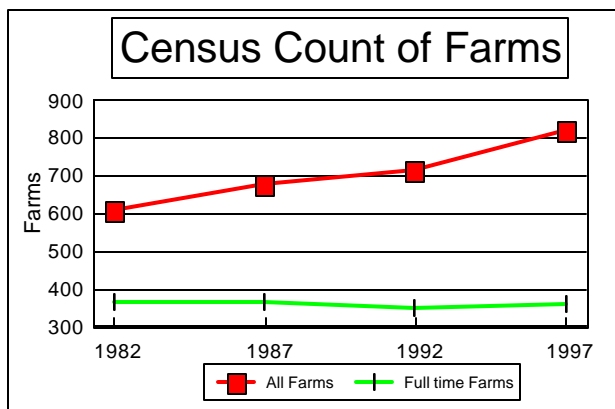
Decreased 7 percent to \$31,249,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 19 percent from \$46,723 in 1992 to \$38,016 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	31,249	27	63	1,682	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	26,830	19	63	970	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,420	37	62	2,186	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	23,607	16	63	333	3,063
Wheat	2,636	18	47	562	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,348	34	60	662	3,043
Dairy products	1,241	15	42	1,306	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	6	51	967	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	47,222	15	63	326	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,157	27	56	741	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	662	29	54	1,951	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	502	10	37	1,067	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	274	10	61	216	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	55,568	17	62	516	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	4	58	599	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	4	35	338	1,790
Horse and pony inventory	2,484	12	63	141	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,786	25	56	603	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	38,802	16	50	362	2,612
Hay crops-acres	35,175	17	62	530	3,061
Proso millet-acres	1,945	13	18	38	190
Sunflower seed-acres	1,522	13	21	155	674
Sorghum forage, hay-acres	1,165	5	24	14	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	479	385	24
\$10,000 or more	343	332	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	29,359	29,949	-2
Average per farmdollars..	35,716	41,711	-14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,440	3,154	-54
Average per farmdollars..	1,752	4,392	-60
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	701	621	13
Partnership or corporation	113	92	23
Other	8	4	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	363	352	3
Other	459	365	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	690	609	13
Female	132	108	22
Operators by race:			
White	807	704	15
Black and other races	15	13	15
Average age of operator	53.4	54.0	-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.