

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



GARFIELD COLORADO

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 440,581 acres in 1992 to 427,161 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 983 acres in 1992 to 899 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Unchanged from 252 farms in 1992 to 252 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

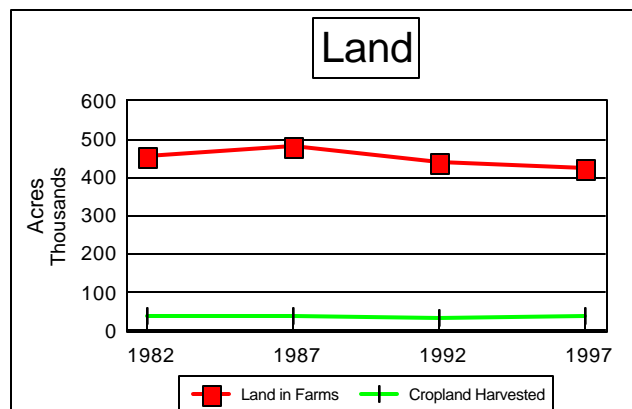
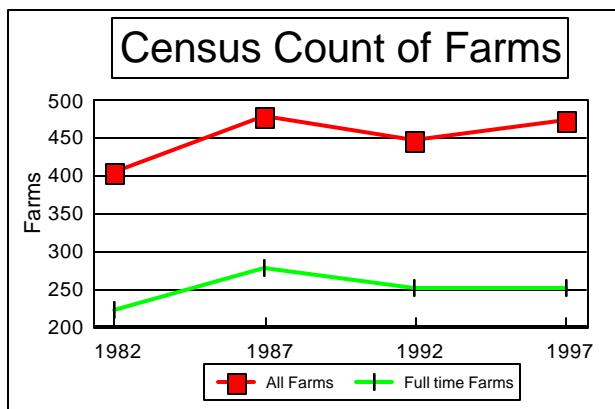
Increased 44 percent to \$22,817,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 36 percent from \$35,270 in 1992 to \$48,035 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	22,817	32	63	2,003	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	13,673	29	63	1,604	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,144	33	62	1,816	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	11,405	26	63	797	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	7,106	11	51	290	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,691	29	60	492	3,043
Sheep, lambs, and wool	1,486	8	56	84	2,787
Horses and ponies	315	14	61	494	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	26,116	26	63	749	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	13,509	8	56	100	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	7	41	456	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	372	33	54	2,177	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	119	22	61	769	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	39,954	27	62	825	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	16,844	7	56	93	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	2	56	295	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	2	43	203	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	2,554	10	63	129	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	36,652	15	62	495	3,061
Wheat-acres	1,690	41	50	1,496	2,612
Oats-acres	430	15	44	1,053	2,332
Barley-acres	379	18	39	556	1,411
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	29	35	2,256	2,691

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	252	246	2
\$10,000 or more	223	202	10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	18,748	14,545	29
Average per farmdollars..	39,554	32,466	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,903	204	1813
Average per farmdollars..	8,235	455	1710
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	378	369	2
Partnership or corporation	91	75	21
Other	6	4	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	252	252	
Other	223	196	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	416	394	6
Female	59	54	9
Operators by race:			
White	472	447	6
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	54.2	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.