

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



GRAND COLORADO

Land in farms

Decreased 16 percent from 299,142 acres in 1992 to 251,202 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 22 percent from 2,008 acres in 1992 to 1,560 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 95 farms in 1992 to 92 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

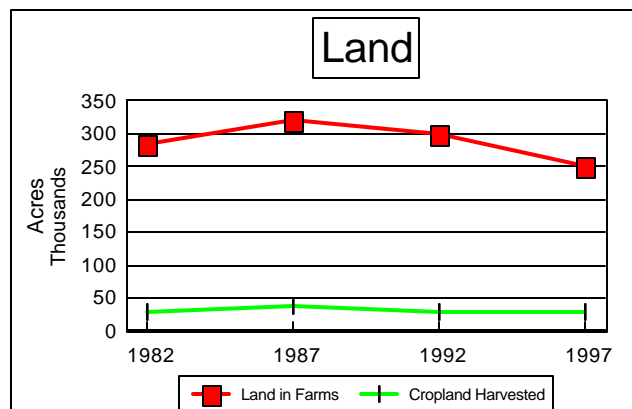
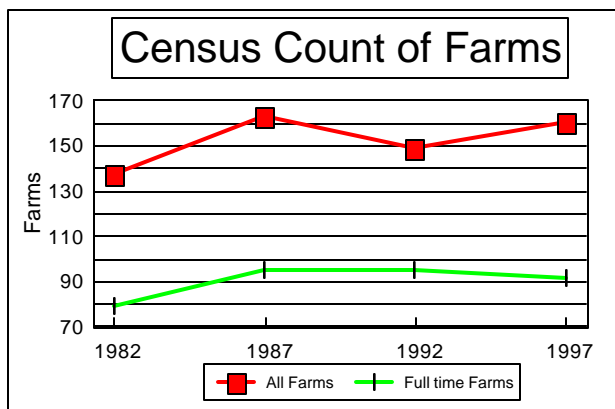
Decreased 7 percent to \$8,833,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 14 percent from \$63,812 in 1992 to \$54,861 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	8,833	44	63	2,567	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,195	41	63	2,116	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,638	46	62	2,579	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	6,984	36	63	1,185	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,199	35	60	757	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	18	38	976	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	27	51	1,787	2,790
Horses and ponies	138	27	61	1,104	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	13,714	36	63	1,315	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	556	36	56	1,171	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	99	41	54	2,573	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	86	28	61	1,076	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	33	48	2,164	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	25,228	35	62	1,303	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,297	22	63	504	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	622	35	56	1,265	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	74	39	55	2,581	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	70	53	58	2,739	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	27,439	25	62	734	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	18	38	848	2,741
All nursery-acres	(D)	29	43	2,011	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	(D)	5	19	1,020	1,965
Potatoes-acres	(D)	22	24	1,221	1,733

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	75	73	3
\$10,000 or more	86	76	13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	6,975	8,393	-17
Average per farmdollars..	43,325	55,953	-23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,816	1,402	30
Average per farmdollars..	11,281	9,346	21
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	116	116	
Partnership or corporation	42	31	35
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	92	95	-3
Other	69	54	28
Operators by sex:			
Male	139	128	9
Female	22	21	5
Operators by race:			
White	160	146	10
Black and other races	1	3	-67
Average age of operator	55.8	54.8	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.