

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



GUNNISON COLORADO

Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 177,333 acres in 1992 to 195,030 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 1,025 acres in 1992 to 1,043 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 107 farms in 1992 to 104 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

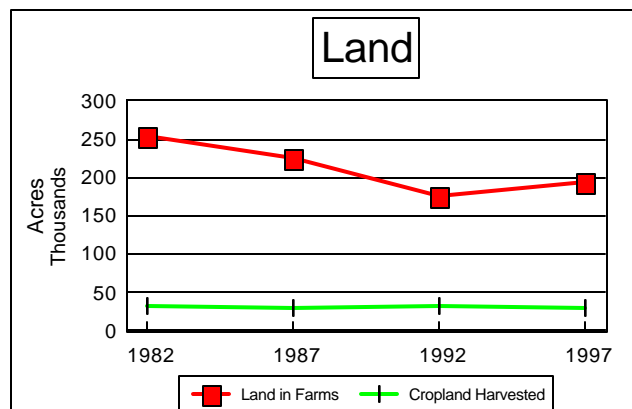
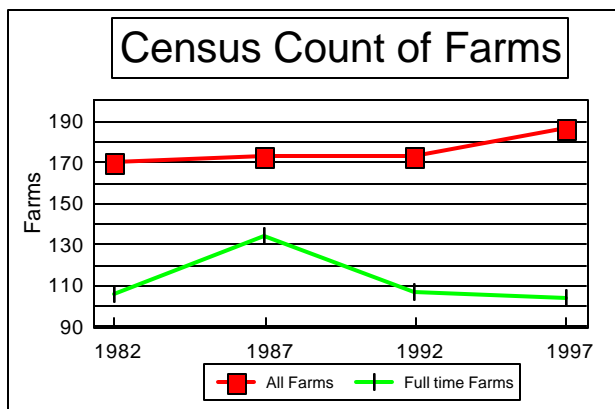
Decreased 4 percent to \$8,436,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 12 percent from \$51,036 in 1992 to \$45,114 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	8,436	46	63	2,588	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,515	39	63	2,086	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	921	48	62	2,745	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	6,835	37	63	1,212	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	921	40	60	1,010	3,043
Sheep, lambs, and wool	(D)	15	56	210	2,787
Horses and ponies	117	31	61	1,240	3,015
Dairy products	(D)	36	42	2,409	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	13,651	37	63	1,322	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	15	56	233	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	57	35	61	1,513	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	35	48	54	2,781	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	45	48	2,505	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	29,229	32	62	1,166	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	15	56	254	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,465	19	63	390	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	90	50	58	2,670	3,002
All goat inventory	44	40	56	2,317	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	29,434	22	62	688	3,061
Sorghum forage, hay-acres	(D)	22	24	206	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	82	76	8
\$10,000 or more	105	97	8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,396	7,335	14
Average per farmdollars..	44,901	42,401	6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	50	1,129	-96
Average per farmdollars..	267	6,525	-96
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	134	122	10
Partnership or corporation	46	45	2
Other	7	6	17
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	104	107	-3
Other	83	66	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	173	161	7
Female	14	12	17
Operators by race:			
White	186	173	8
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	55.1	54.5	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.