

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



ARAPAHOE COLORADO

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 322,823 acres in 1992 to 332,940 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 1,200 acres in 1992 to 1,290 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 134 farms in 1992 to 117 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

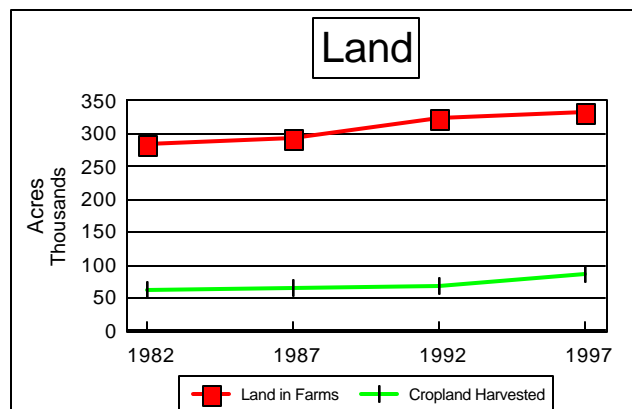
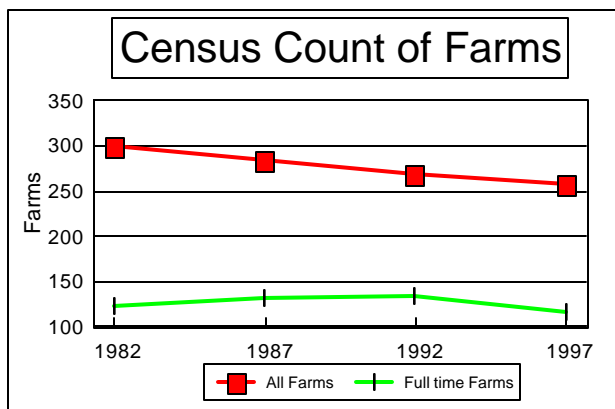
Increased 58 percent to \$23,612,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 65 percent from \$55,577 in 1992 to \$91,519 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 | 23,612 | 30 | 63 | 1,971 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 14,577 | 25 | 62 | 1,496 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 9,034 | 35 | 63 | 1,934 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 8,904 | 9 | 51 | 234 | 2,790 |
| Sheep, lambs, and wool | (D) | 2 | 56 | 13 | 2,787 |
| Wheat | 5,124 | 15 | 47 | 360 | 2,578 |
| Cattle and calves | 3,104 | 45 | 63 | 1,830 | 3,063 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | (D) | 50 | 60 | 1,850 | 3,043 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Sheep and lambs sold | (D) | 2 | 56 | 11 | 2,765 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 6,351 | 47 | 63 | 1,961 | 3,063 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 1,452 | 24 | 54 | 1,684 | 2,976 |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold | 185 | 16 | 37 | 1,247 | 2,203 |
| Horses and ponies sold | 123 | 21 | 61 | 746 | 3,015 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | (D) | 10 | 56 | 135 | 2,864 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 10,011 | 51 | 62 | 2,151 | 3,064 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 2,342 | 16 | 55 | 1,278 | 3,005 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 938 | 31 | 63 | 814 | 3,066 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 439 | 26 | 58 | 1,784 | 3,002 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Wheat-acres | 69,224 | 13 | 50 | 260 | 2,612 |
| Hay crops-acres | 11,779 | 42 | 62 | 1,529 | 3,061 |
| Proso millet-acres | (D) | 11 | 18 | 32 | 190 |
| Sorghum for grain-acres | 1,969 | 8 | 29 | 412 | 1,508 |
| Sunflower seed-acres | 468 | 15 | 21 | 229 | 674 |

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 | 145 | 143 | 1 |
| \$10,000 or more | 113 | 126 | -10 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 17,578 | 14,300 | 23 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 67,609 | 53,158 | 27 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 6,155 | 455 | 1253 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 23,675 | 1,692 | 1299 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 219 | 214 | 2 |
| Partnership or corporation | 37 | 51 | -27 |
| Other | 2 | 4 | -50 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 117 | 134 | -13 |
| Other | 141 | 135 | 4 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 224 | 230 | -3 |
| Female | 34 | 39 | -13 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 253 | 262 | -3 |
| Black and other races | 5 | 7 | -29 |
| Average age of operator | 52.9 | 52.8 | 0 |

(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.