

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



JEFFERSON COLORADO

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 103,470 acres in 1992 to 97,623 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 247 acres in 1992 to 259 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 171 farms in 1992 to 149 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

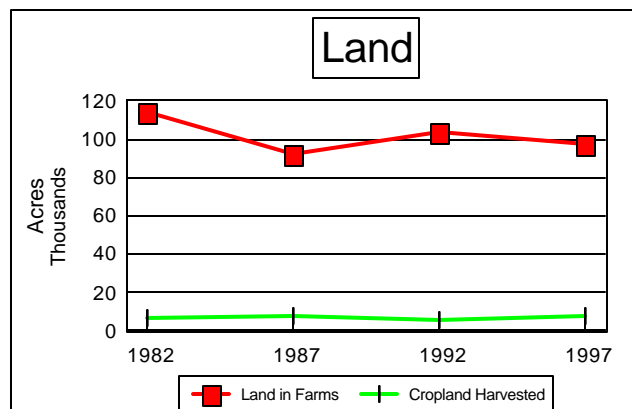
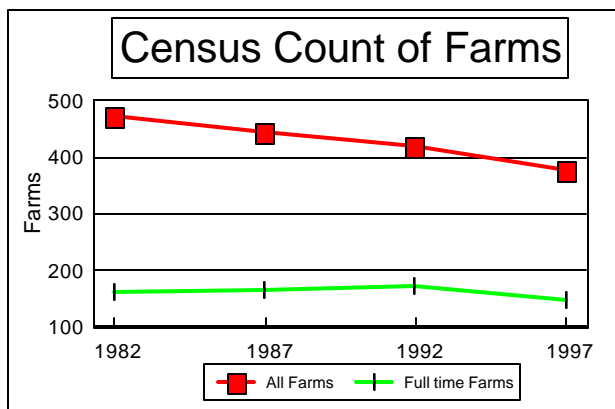
Decreased 5 percent to \$19,474,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$49,141 in 1992 to \$51,655 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	19,474	35	63	2,129	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	17,395	21	62	1,375	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,079	53	63	2,716	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	17,078	5	51	129	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,366	53	63	2,389	3,063
Horses and ponies	552	8	61	236	3,015
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	222	53	60	2,279	3,043
All other livestock & products	87	15	36	322	1,649
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	3,255	6	37	923	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,467	53	63	2,567	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	436	4	61	100	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	34	54	2,228	2,976
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	5	17	101	611
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,896	53	62	2,415	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	3,542	6	35	364	1,790
Horse and pony inventory	2,855	8	63	97	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	602	21	58	1,534	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	495	14	56	1,020	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	4,213	55	62	2,398	3,061
Wheat-acres	(D)	39	50	1,472	2,612
All nursery-acres	1,477	4	43	196	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	(D)	1	19	77	1,965
Oats-acres	(D)	37	44	1,923	2,332

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	267	313	-15
\$10,000 or more	110	106	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	12,044	17,945	-33
Average per farmdollars..	31,613	42,726	-26
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,598	2,149	160
Average per farmdollars..	14,694	5,116	187
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	298	339	-12
Partnership or corporation	78	78	
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	149	171	-13
Other	228	248	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	278	343	-19
Female	99	76	30
Operators by race:			
White	371	416	-11
Black and other races	6	3	100
Average age of operator	54.9	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.