

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 1,341,738 acres in 1992 to 1,345,724 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 1,869 acres in 1992 to 1,874 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 536 farms in 1992 to 486 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

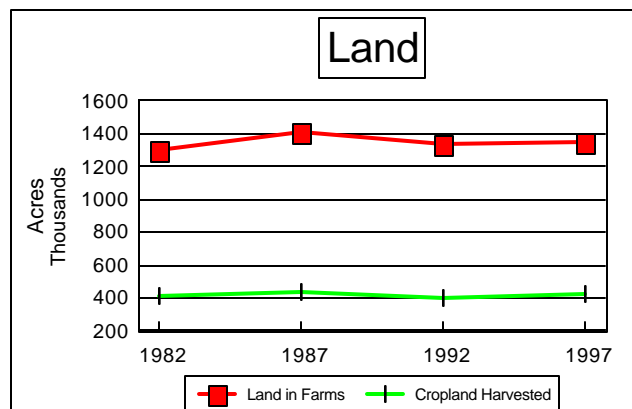
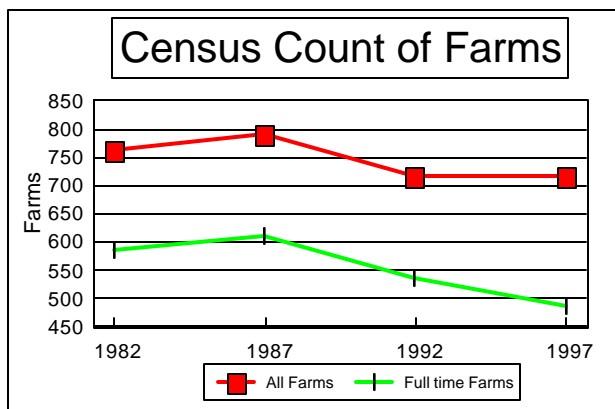
Increased 2 percent to \$177,051,000 in 1997.

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 2 percent from \$241,612 in 1992 to \$246,588 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	177,051	5	63	173	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	106,901	6	63	169	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	70,150	4	62	314	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	104,678	6	63	54	3,063
Corn for grain	31,294	4	35	174	2,582
Wheat	26,074	2	47	44	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	7,953	3	36	98	1,971
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	14	60	121	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	151,796	6	63	57	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	7,161	14	54	1,107	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	13	41	793	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	6	38	451	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	322	39	56	1,485	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	153,777	5	62	56	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,896	13	55	1,099	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	683	19	58	1,439	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	511	44	63	1,561	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	387	41	56	1,547	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	272,655	2	50	26	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	93,632	4	35	236	2,691
Hay crops-acres	19,564	32	62	1,061	3,061
Sunflower seed-acres	18,247	1	21	39	674
Corn for silage-acres	8,466	2	36	156	2,473

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	199	140	42
\$10,000 or more	519	578	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	151,045	148,500	2
Average per farmdollars..	209,785	206,825	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	24,348	24,608	-1
Average per farmdollars..	33,817	34,274	-1
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	555	560	-1
Partnership or corporation	152	151	1
Other	11	7	57
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	486	536	-9
Other	232	182	27
Operators by sex:			
Male	655	678	-3
Female	63	40	58
Operators by race:			
White	716	717	-0
Black and other races	2	1	100
Average age of operator	53.9	52.4	3

(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.