

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 540,412 acres in 1992 to 542,259 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 438 acres in 1992 to 418 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 565 farms in 1992 to 510 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

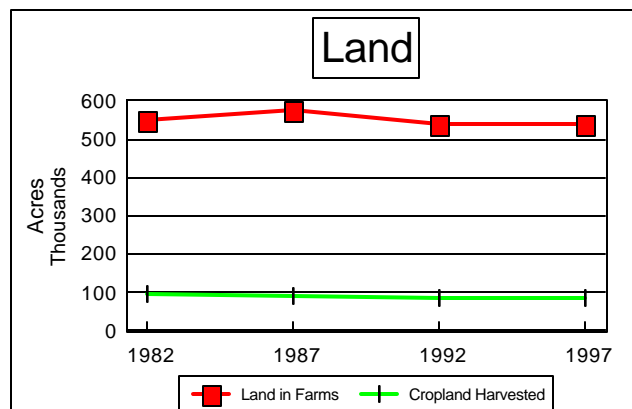
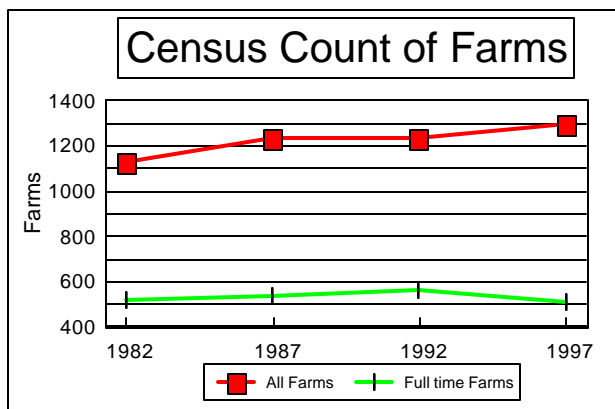
Increased 5 percent to \$100,483,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$77,631 in 1992 to \$77,414 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	100,483	8	63	509	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	62,198	11	63	375	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	38,285	13	62	755	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	32,633	13	63	218	3,063
Dairy products	20,822	2	42	202	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	12,869	6	51	162	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	4	38	141	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	5,756	9	60	97	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	56,764	13	63	238	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	4	56	31	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,399	10	41	560	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	1,325	1	61	12	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	1,256	26	54	1,745	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	66,358	13	62	370	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	29,374	5	56	59	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	5,350	2	63	19	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,653	6	58	911	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,165	6	56	633	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	40,702	10	62	416	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	14,945	13	35	914	2,691
Wheat-acres	12,300	19	50	690	2,612
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	4,969	5	10	60	199
Corn for silage-acres	4,739	4	36	323	2,473

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	816	752	9
\$10,000 or more .....	482	481	
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	77,671	77,822	-0
Average per farm .....dollars..	59,839	63,167	-5
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	23,121	15,720	47
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,812	12,759	40
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,064	1,002	6
Partnership or corporation .....	218	213	2
Other .....	16	18	-11
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	510	565	-10
Other .....	788	668	18
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,110	1,076	3
Female .....	188	157	20
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,279	1,215	5
Black and other races .....	19	18	6
Average age of operator .....	53.0	52.2	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.