

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



## LAS ANIMAS COLORADO

### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 2,286,947 acres in 1992 to 2,214,992 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 4,667 acres in 1992 to 4,567 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Unchanged from 299 farms in 1992 to 299 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

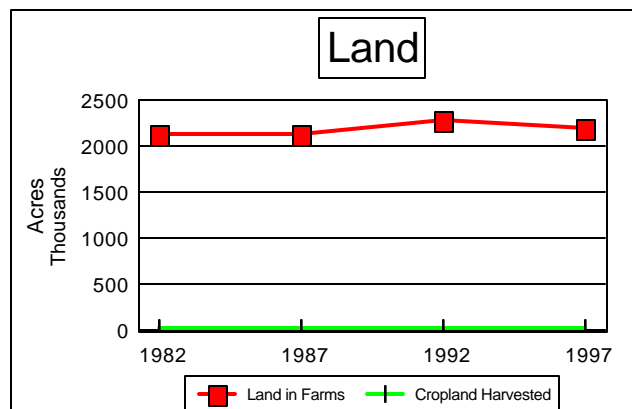
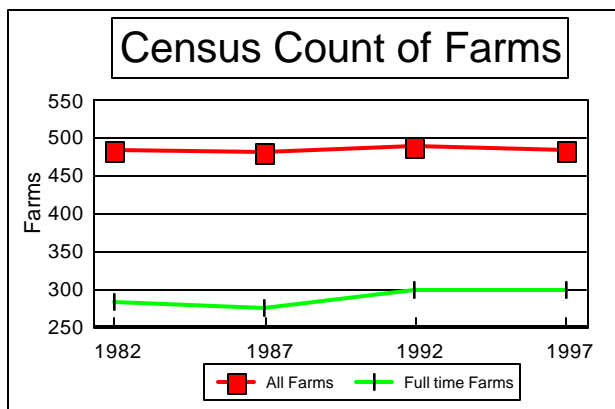
Decreased 22 percent to \$20,336,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 22 percent from \$53,472 in 1992 to \$41,930 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	20,336	34	63	2,093	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	18,278	24	63	1,340	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,058	44	62	2,504	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	17,471	19	63	484	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,485	33	60	584	3,043
Dairy products	(D)	23	42	1,800	2,563
Wheat	272	34	47	1,425	2,578
Horses and ponies	241	16	61	638	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	37,556	17	63	463	3,063
All goats sold	290	6	48	338	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	146	18	61	581	3,015
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	18	38	845	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	53	52	56	2,250	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	68,983	11	62	340	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,368	21	63	455	3,066
All goat inventory	632	7	56	346	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	465	24	58	1,742	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	113	50	56	2,112	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	23,753	30	62	867	3,061
Wheat-acres	5,049	27	50	1,058	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	18	36	1,348	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	396	25	35	2,114	2,691
Sorghum forage, hay-acres	(D)	18	24	109	382

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 .....	228	229	
\$10,000 or more .....	257	261	-2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	18,029	19,850	-9
Average per farm .....dollars..	37,174	40,511	-8
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,624	4,851	-5
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,534	9,900	-4
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	408	415	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	72	72	
Other .....	5	3	67
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	299	299	
Other .....	186	191	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	415	440	-6
Female .....	70	50	40
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	445	451	-1
Black and other races .....	40	39	3
Average age of operator .....	57.6	57.2	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.