

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 420,233 acres in 1992 to 416,613 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 317 acres in 1992 to 280 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 642 farms in 1992 to 660 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

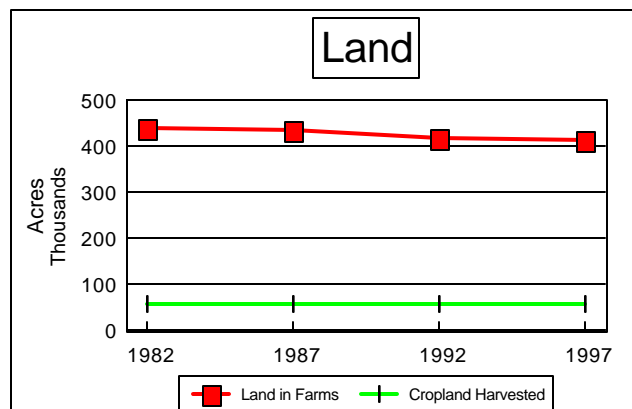
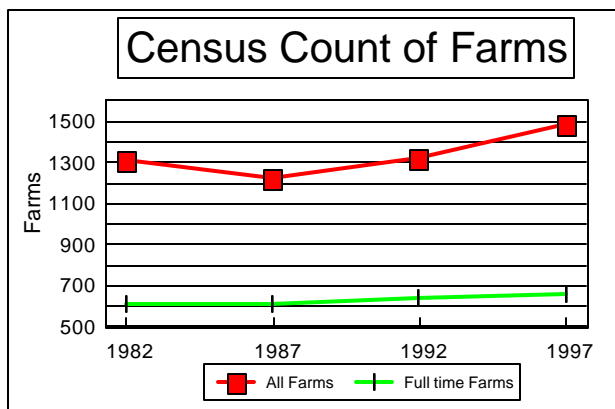
Increased 11 percent to \$50,450,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 2 percent from \$34,418 in 1992 to \$33,882 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	50,450	20	63	1,189	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	30,304	16	63	871	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	20,146	18	62	1,256	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	15,616	21	63	569	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	3	51	450	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,915	12	51	337	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	4,522	1	24	158	2,547
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,040	16	60	152	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	3	37	256	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	34,426	19	63	524	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	10,159	10	56	127	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	4,078	17	54	1,303	2,976
All goats sold	1,308	1	48	65	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	2	58	159	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	71,672	9	62	305	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	9,906	12	56	151	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	3,744	4	63	47	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,488	15	55	1,255	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	38,718	13	62	458	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	6,229	18	35	1,233	2,691
Wheat-acres	4,626	29	50	1,100	2,612
Land in orchards-acres	2,805	2	31	175	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	2,498	10	36	581	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	995	862	15
\$10,000 or more	494	463	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	41,524	39,984	4
Average per farmdollars..	27,906	30,199	-8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,056	3,589	97
Average per farmdollars..	4,742	2,711	75
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,310	1,184	11
Partnership or corporation	166	128	30
Other	13	13	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	660	642	3
Other	829	683	21
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,325	1,192	11
Female	164	133	23
Operators by race:			
White	1,468	1,299	13
Black and other races	21	26	-19
Average age of operator	54.7	54.5	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.