

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 28 percent from 155,465 acres in 1992 to 112,670 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 44 percent from 972 acres in 1992 to 547 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 7 percent from 85 farms in 1992 to 91 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

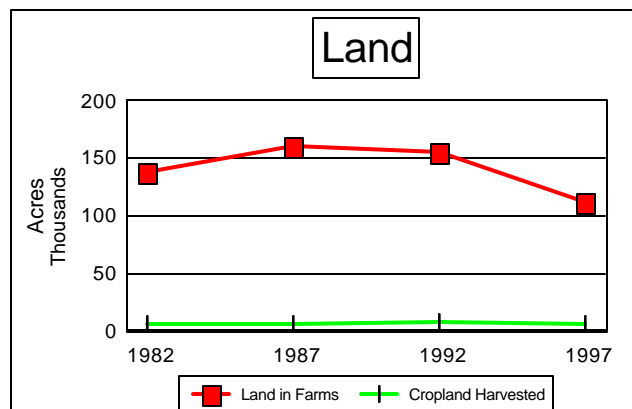
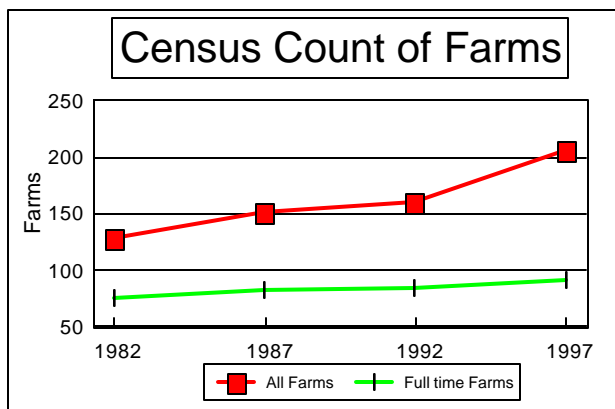
Decreased 10 percent to \$6,149,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 30 percent from \$42,551 in 1992 to \$29,850 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 | 6,149 | 48 | 63 | 2,702 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 5,756 | 43 | 63 | 2,271 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 393 | 56 | 62 | 2,915 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 5,450 | 39 | 63 | 1,404 | 3,063 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 340 | 51 | 60 | 1,977 | 3,043 |
| Dairy products | (D) | 31 | 42 | 2,200 | 2,563 |
| Sheep, lambs, and wool | 59 | 32 | 56 | 1,008 | 2,787 |
| Horses and ponies | 55 | 40 | 61 | 1,872 | 3,015 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves sold | 11,803 | 38 | 63 | 1,457 | 3,063 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 676 | 34 | 56 | 1,066 | 2,765 |
| Rabbits and their pelts sold | (D) | 5 | 38 | 390 | 1,593 |
| All goats sold | 348 | 4 | 48 | 287 | 2,686 |
| Horses and ponies sold | 75 | 31 | 61 | 1,229 | 3,015 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 15,299 | 41 | 62 | 1,796 | 3,064 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 1,113 | 25 | 63 | 633 | 3,066 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 906 | 30 | 56 | 1,024 | 2,864 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 401 | 27 | 58 | 1,859 | 3,002 |
| All goat inventory | 288 | 16 | 56 | 853 | 2,983 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 5,216 | 52 | 62 | 2,255 | 3,061 |
| Barley-acres | 87 | 29 | 39 | 919 | 1,411 |
| Sorghum for silage-acres | (D) | 23 | 27 | 632 | 1,323 |
| Land in orchards-acres | 21 | 10 | 31 | 1,849 | 2,693 |
| Oats-acres | (D) | 42 | 44 | 2,120 | 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 | 131 | 76 | 72 |
| \$10,000 or more | 75 | 84 | -11 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 6,441 | 5,435 | 19 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 31,268 | 34,181 | -9 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | (493) | 1,083 | -146 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | (2,393) | 6,812 | -135 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 169 | 127 | 33 |
| Partnership or corporation | 36 | 32 | 13 |
| Other | 1 | 1 | |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 91 | 85 | 7 |
| Other | 115 | 75 | 53 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 166 | 140 | 19 |
| Female | 40 | 20 | 100 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 192 | 147 | 31 |
| Black and other races | 14 | 13 | 8 |
| Average age of operator | 55.3 | 55.1 | 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.