

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



MOFFAT COLORADO

Land in farms

Decreased 11 percent from 1,159,813 acres in 1992 to 1,031,091 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 20 percent from 3,314 acres in 1992 to 2,651 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 193 farms in 1992 to 184 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

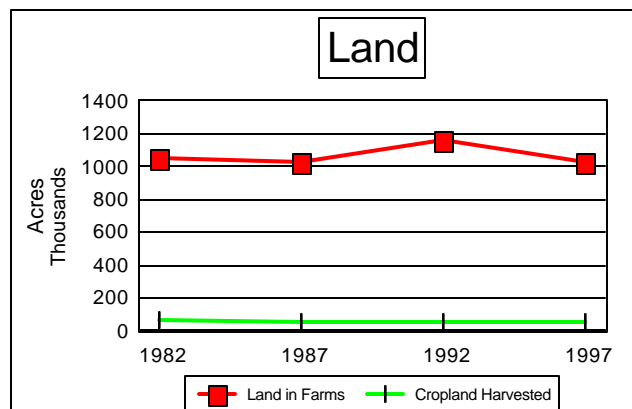
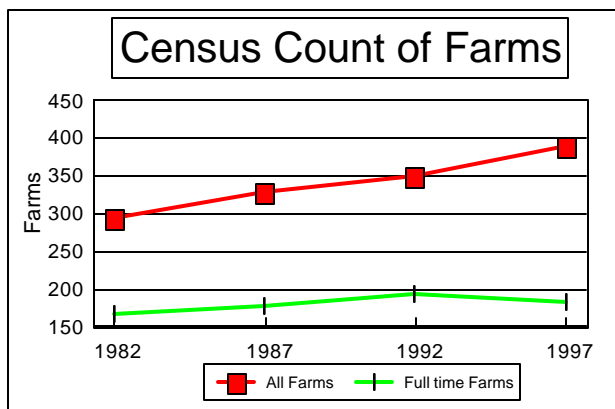
Increased 14 percent to \$18,938,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 2 percent from \$47,553 in 1992 to \$48,683 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	18,938	36	63	2,149	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	16,024	26	63	1,445	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,913	40	62	2,383	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	11,175	27	63	814	3,063
Sheep, lambs, and wool	4,450	3	56	23	2,787
Wheat	1,601	21	47	730	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,103	36	60	843	3,043
All other livestock & products	(D)	9	36	145	1,649
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Sheep and lambs sold	50,717	3	56	18	2,765
Cattle and calves sold	22,992	28	63	847	3,063
All goats sold	244	7	48	395	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	218	38	54	2,371	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	85	29	61	1,085	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Sheep and lamb inventory	72,715	2	56	12	2,864
Cattle and calves inventory	41,829	26	62	774	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	2,165	15	63	187	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	586	22	58	1,565	3,002
All goat inventory	271	18	56	896	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	32,524	20	62	606	3,061
Wheat-acres	20,350	17	50	531	2,612
Barley-acres	1,077	10	39	367	1,411
Oats-acres	533	13	44	955	2,332
Other crops-acres	(D)	1	18	32	759

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	209	185	13
\$10,000 or more	180	165	9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	16,515	14,459	14
Average per farmdollars..	42,454	41,312	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,520	1,897	-20
Average per farmdollars..	3,908	5,421	-28
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	325	279	16
Partnership or corporation	62	67	-7
Other	2	4	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	184	193	-5
Other	205	157	31
Operators by sex:			
Male	353	331	7
Female	36	19	89
Operators by race:			
White	387	350	11
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	53.7	53.5	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.