

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 633,279 acres in 1992 to 579,647 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 1,244 acres in 1992 to 1,132 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 299 farms in 1992 to 289 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

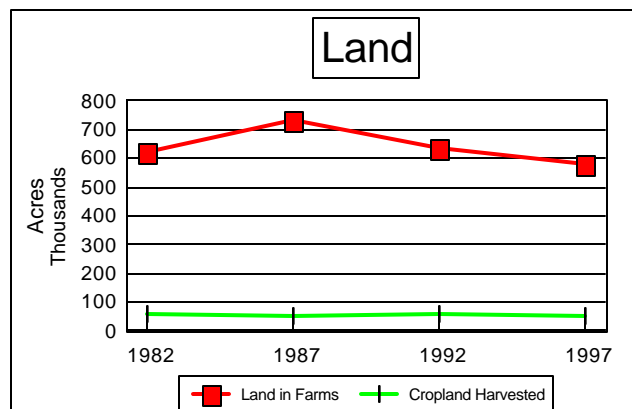
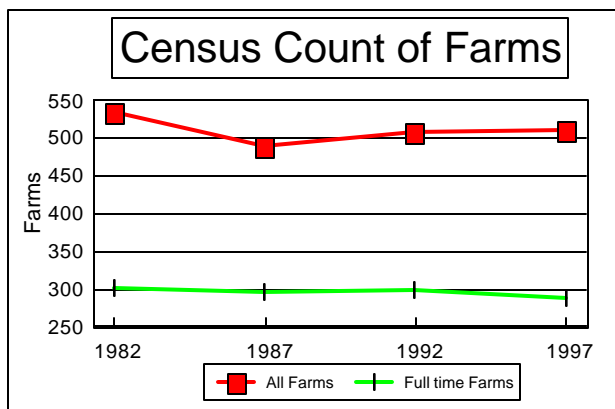
Decreased 2 percent to \$100,214,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 3 percent from \$201,249 in 1992 to \$195,731 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	100,214	9	63	512	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	78,926	7	63	278	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	21,288	17	62	1,215	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	76,991	7	63	77	3,063
Corn for grain	7,363	10	35	665	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	6,279	6	38	154	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	6,239	8	60	93	3,043
Dairy products	941	16	42	1,444	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	113,115	7	63	86	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	4,182	17	56	272	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	3,604	18	54	1,354	2,976
All goats sold	185	11	48	514	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	92	26	61	1,004	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	84,581	7	62	213	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,442	16	56	281	2,864
Colony of bees inventory (D)		6	43	275	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,289	20	55	1,498	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,217	23	63	557	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	25,822	28	62	793	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	18,776	11	35	844	2,691
Wheat-acres	4,025	32	50	1,160	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,876	4	38	222	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	1,638	13	36	790	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 .....	187	197	-5
\$10,000 or more .....	325	312	4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	80,936	84,607	-4
Average per farm .....dollars..	158,078	166,550	-5
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	20,033	17,439	15
Average per farm .....dollars..	39,127	34,330	14
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	428	430	-0
Partnership or corporation .....	79	76	4
Other .....	5	3	67
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	289	299	-3
Other .....	223	210	6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	487	491	-1
Female .....	25	18	39
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	481	480	0
Black and other races .....	31	29	7
Average age of operator .....	51.4	50.6	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.