

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



## PITKIN COLORADO

### Land in farms

Decreased 21 percent from 32,072 acres in 1992 to 25,209 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 20 percent from 452 acres in 1992 to 360 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 37 farms in 1992 to 30 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

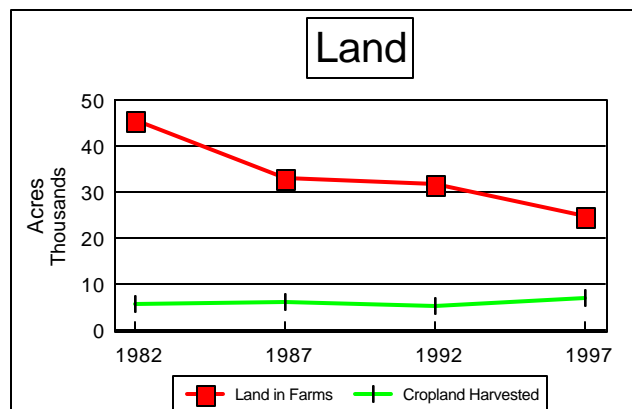
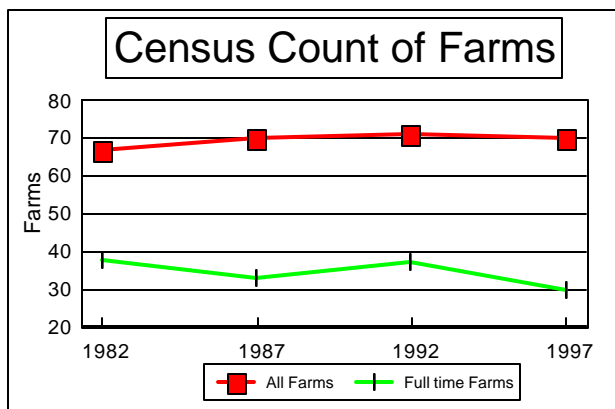
Decreased 30 percent to \$1,527,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 29 percent from \$30,613 in 1992 to \$21,812 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	1,527	55	63	2,972	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	924	55	63	2,890	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	603	53	62	2,835	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	772	55	63	2,649	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	546	45	60	1,518	3,043
Horses and ponies	(D)	26	61	1,092	3,015
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	37	51	2,225	2,790
Sheep, lambs, and wool	(D)	48	56	1,803	2,787
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	1,280	56	63	2,778	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	50	56	1,973	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	47	39	61	1,719	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,192	55	62	2,726	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	593	41	63	1,355	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	53	56	2,323	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	54	58	2,783	3,002
Rabbit inventory	19	36	51	1,611	2,456
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	7,144	49	62	2,004	3,061
Oats-acres	44	36	44	1,903	2,332
All nursery-acres	(D)	26	43	1,653	2,619
Wheat-acres	(D)	49	50	2,587	2,612
Potatoes-acres	(D)	22	24	1,221	1,733

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 .....	35	42	-17
\$10,000 or more .....	35	29	21
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	1,933	2,166	-11
Average per farm .....dollars..	27,610	30,507	-9
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(406)	7	-5900
Average per farm .....dollars..	(5,798)	106	-5570
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	47	48	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	21	22	-5
Other .....	2	1	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	30	37	-19
Other .....	40	34	18
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	58	61	-5
Female .....	12	10	20
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	70	71	-1
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	55.7	56.5	-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.