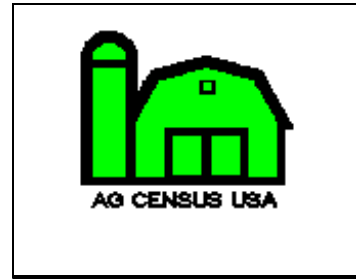


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## RIO BLANCO COLORADO

### Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 546,538 acres in 1992 to 466,272 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 20 percent from 2,277 acres in 1992 to 1,829 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 10 percent from 130 farms in 1992 to 143 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

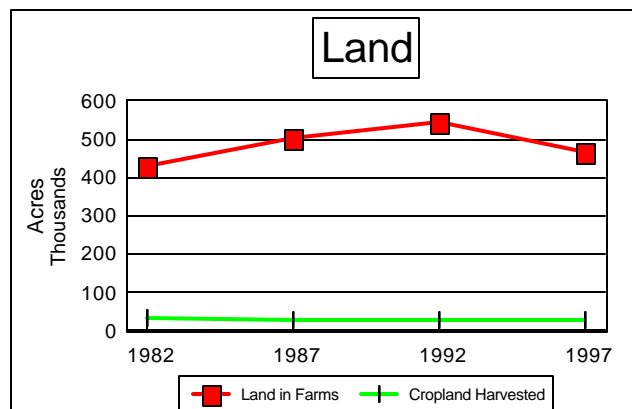
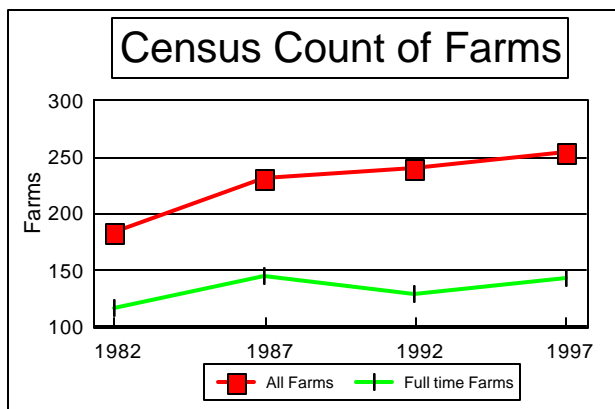
Decreased 6 percent to \$14,086,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 12 percent from \$62,528 in 1992 to \$55,239 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	14,086	41	63	2,342	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	12,866	31	63	1,651	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,220	47	62	2,664	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	9,475	29	63	936	3,063
Sheep, lambs, and wool	3,010	6	56	44	2,787
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,019	37	60	911	3,043
Horses and ponies	210	20	61	760	3,015
Wheat	162	38	47	1,584	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Sheep and lambs sold	26,197	6	56	55	2,765
Cattle and calves sold	20,499	30	63	957	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	8	41	475	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,511	23	54	1,663	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	128	20	61	701	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Sheep and lamb inventory	35,959	3	56	47	2,864
Cattle and calves inventory	33,910	28	62	996	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,590	18	63	332	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	621	26	55	1,795	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	27	56	1,557	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	26,202	27	62	782	3,061
Wheat-acres	2,666	36	50	1,315	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	31	35	2,273	2,691
Barley-acres	140	24	39	793	1,411
Oats-acres	(D)	32	44	1,706	2,332

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 .....	96	114	-16
\$10,000 or more .....	159	126	26
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	10,600	13,604	-22
Average per farm .....dollars..	41,570	56,683	-27
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,625	740	120
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,373	3,081	107
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	206	195	6
Partnership or corporation .....	47	45	4
Other .....	2	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	143	130	10
Other .....	112	110	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	231	218	6
Female .....	24	22	9
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	253	239	6
Black and other races .....	2	1	100
Average age of operator .....	55.3	53.1	4

(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.