

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



## RIO GRANDE COLORADO

### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 219,612 acres in 1992 to 231,734 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 648 acres in 1992 to 666 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 216 farms in 1992 to 236 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

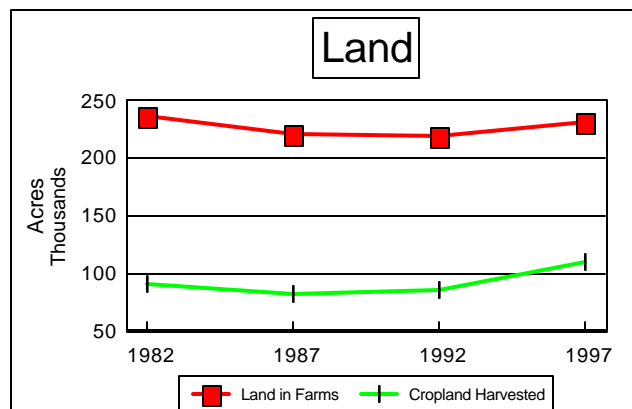
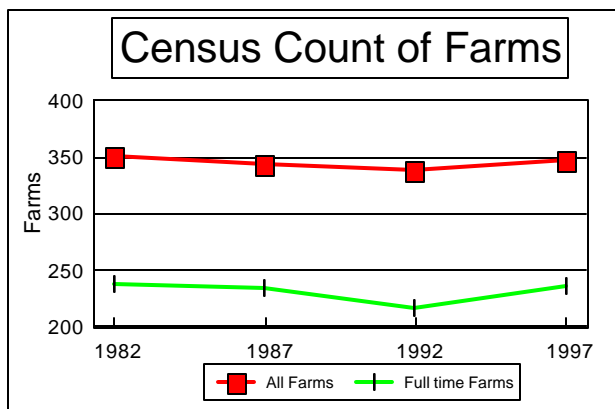
Increased 68 percent to \$72,818,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 63 percent from \$128,155 in 1992 to \$209,246 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	72,818	15	63	790	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	67,537	6	62	340	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,281	45	63	2,328	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	43,937	1	37	27	2,237
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	3	38	134	2,739
Barley	6,809	1	34	29	1,167
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	10	60	101	3,043
Cattle and calves	4,287	41	63	1,581	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	10,074	40	63	1,604	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	5,829	13	56	203	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	287	36	54	2,281	2,976
All goats sold	64	24	48	1,239	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	37	44	61	1,953	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	22,698	37	62	1,416	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	9,492	13	56	156	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	754	35	63	1,075	3,066
All goat inventory	409	10	56	597	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	231	33	55	2,202	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	45,206	9	62	336	3,061
Potatoes-acres	32,550	1	24	7	1,733
Barley-acres	19,806	1	39	74	1,411
Wheat-acres	10,530	21	50	748	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	6	38	260	2,741

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 .....	105	97	8
\$10,000 or more .....	243	242	
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	53,672	32,308	66
Average per farm .....dollars..	154,229	95,304	62
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	17,915	9,795	83
Average per farm .....dollars..	51,481	28,893	78
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	271	272	-0
Partnership or corporation .....	72	65	11
Other .....	5	2	150
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	236	216	9
Other .....	112	123	-9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	325	319	2
Female .....	23	20	15
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	341	335	2
Black and other races .....	7	4	75
Average age of operator .....	51.9	53.9	-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.