

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 576,397 acres in 1992 to 520,618 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 20 percent from 1,316 acres in 1992 to 1,054 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 8 percent from 203 farms in 1992 to 220 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

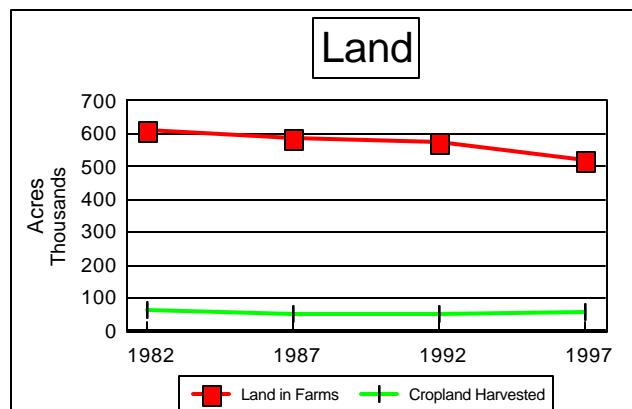
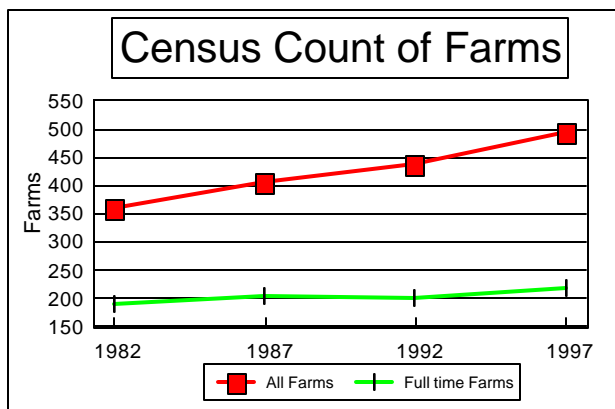
Decreased 13 percent to \$22,858,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 23 percent from \$60,194 in 1992 to \$46,271 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	22,858	31	63	2,001	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	19,348	22	63	1,276	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,510	38	62	2,291	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	18,280	18	63	462	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	21	60	275	3,043
Wheat	668	30	47	1,091	2,578
Sheep, lambs, and wool	539	13	56	196	2,787
All other livestock & products	254	9	36	145	1,649
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	33,126	20	63	555	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	7,226	12	56	171	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	244	37	54	2,336	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	23	41	1,142	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	105	24	61	873	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	45,718	23	62	685	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	9,932	11	56	150	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	2,292	14	63	167	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	8	43	452	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	363	18	56	1,180	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	47,768	8	62	303	3,061
Wheat-acres	9,038	22	50	800	2,612
Barley-acres	2,007	8	39	275	1,411
Oats-acres	180	26	44	1,430	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	32	36	2,070	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 .....	267	250	7
\$10,000 or more .....	227	188	21
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	20,476	22,393	-9
Average per farm .....dollars..	41,534	51,126	-19
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,664	4,955	-66
Average per farm .....dollars..	3,376	11,313	-70
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	402	357	13
Partnership or corporation .....	79	74	7
Other .....	13	7	86
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	220	203	8
Other .....	274	235	17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	422	391	8
Female .....	72	47	53
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	486	435	12
Black and other races .....	8	3	167
Average age of operator .....	53.0	51.9	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.