

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 19 percent from 200,674 acres in 1992 to 161,937 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 2,069 acres in 1992 to 1,951 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 52 farms in 1992 to 42 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

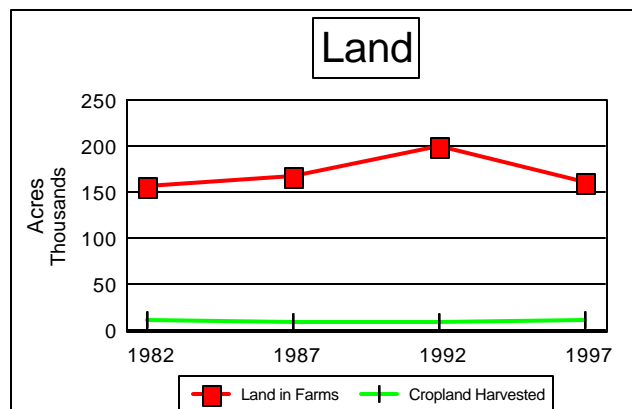
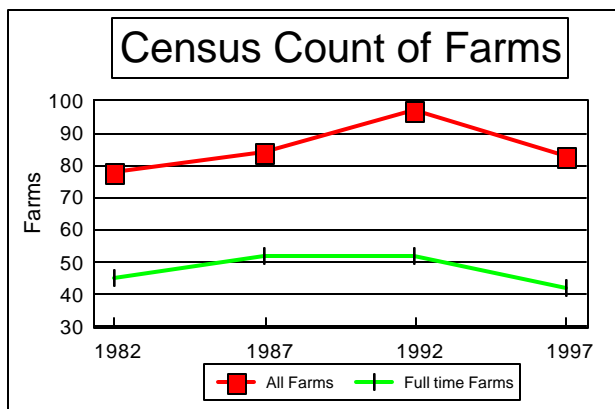
Decreased 34 percent to \$2,897,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 23 percent from \$45,242 in 1992 to \$34,907 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	2,897	53	63	2,894	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,423	52	63	2,665	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	474	55	62	2,883	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,287	52	63	2,067	3,063
Wheat	203	36	47	1,516	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	180	55	60	2,423	3,043
Sheep, lambs, and wool	(D)	29	56	754	2,787
Oats	(D)	11	40	626	2,029
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	4,336	52	63	2,266	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	29	56	838	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	24	41	1,452	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	25	37	1,510	2,203
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	22	38	933	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,490	49	62	2,101	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	24	56	594	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	434	46	63	1,783	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	157	45	58	2,441	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	94	31	56	2,021	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,090	53	62	2,276	3,061
Wheat-acres	4,418	30	50	1,119	2,612
Oats-acres	(D)	5	44	557	2,332
Dry edible beans excl lima-acres	(D)	18	28	216	679
Total herbs-acres	(D)	10	16	456	649

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	43	55	-22
\$10,000 or more	40	42	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,917	3,989	-27
Average per farmdollars..	35,145	41,125	-15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(20)	399	-105
Average per farmdollars..	(238)	4,117	-106
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	61	83	-27
Partnership or corporation	22	14	57
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	42	52	-19
Other	41	45	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	69	84	-18
Female	14	13	8
Operators by race:			
White	83	97	-14
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.4	52.7	3

(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.