

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 796,892 acres in 1992 to 784,273 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 2,973 acres in 1992 to 2,905 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 198 farms in 1992 to 189 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

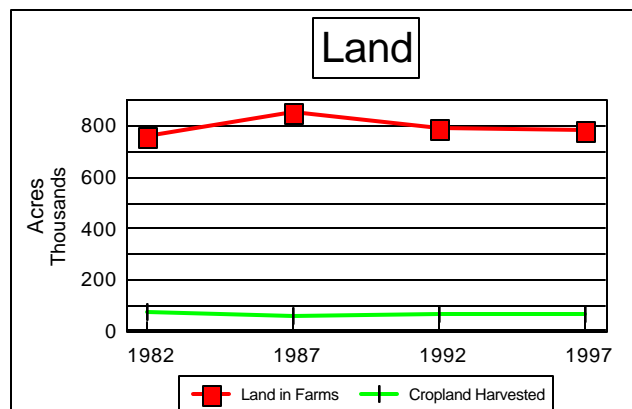
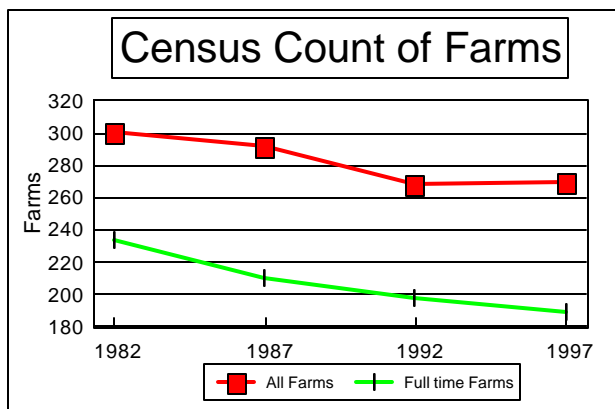
Decreased 2 percent to \$50,975,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 3 percent from \$194,167 in 1992 to \$188,798 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	50,975	19	63	1,180	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	38,457	15	63	703	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	12,518	31	62	1,621	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	35,973	12	63	198	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	8,063	6	60	77	3,043
Corn for grain	3,172	15	35	957	2,582
Hogs and pigs	(D)	11	54	857	2,976
Wheat	1,076	24	47	882	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	60,812	12	63	217	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	9	54	596	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	41	322	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	526	38	56	1,209	2,765
All goats sold	48	28	48	1,466	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	58,895	16	62	476	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	6	55	301	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	4,500	1	43	134	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	511	38	56	1,402	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	473	45	63	1,671	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	39,127	12	62	446	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	10,579	15	35	1,066	2,691
Wheat-acres	8,712	24	50	820	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	2,185	11	36	645	2,473
Sorghum for grain-acres	1,777	10	29	425	1,508

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	83	86	-3
\$10,000 or more	187	182	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	46,163	42,320	9
Average per farmdollars..	170,973	157,911	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,248	6,300	-17
Average per farmdollars..	19,437	23,508	-17
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	228	222	3
Partnership or corporation	41	44	-7
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	189	198	-5
Other	81	70	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	245	240	2
Female	25	28	-11
Operators by race:			
White	266	261	2
Black and other races	4	7	-43
Average age of operator	52.1	50.2	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.