

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 1,333,577 acres in 1992 to 1,394,238 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 1,701 acres in 1992 to 1,760 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 553 farms in 1992 to 515 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

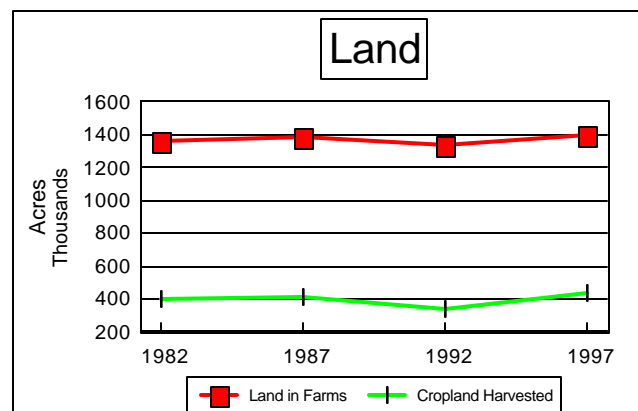
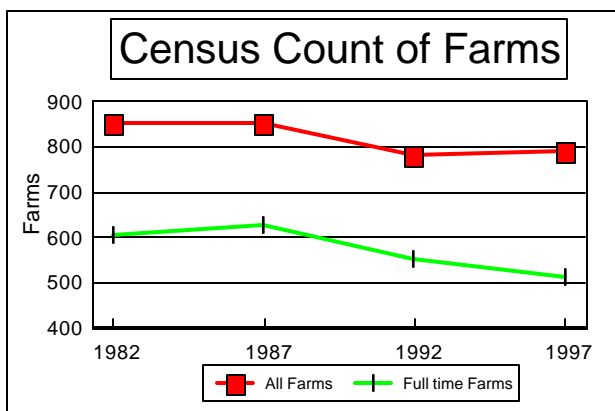
Increased 8 percent to \$97,898,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 7 percent from \$115,895 in 1992 to \$123,608 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	97,898	10	63	529	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	51,117	9	62	537	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	46,780	13	63	561	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	40,858	11	63	166	3,063
Wheat	30,561	1	47	28	2,578
Corn for grain	12,004	8	35	499	2,582
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	4,440	4	36	140	1,971
Hogs and pigs	4,234	7	54	593	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	66,761	11	63	195	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	46,556	7	54	548	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	1	41	190	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	1,316	25	56	674	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	11	38	698	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	68,780	12	62	343	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	20,585	8	55	583	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	934	29	56	1,002	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	647	38	63	1,241	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	464	25	58	1,743	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	303,132	1	50	20	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	47,213	7	35	532	2,691
Proso millet-acres	35,306	1	18	1	190
Hay crops-acres	32,669	19	62	602	3,061
Sunflower seed-acres	6,744	4	21	74	674

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	236	199	19
\$10,000 or more	556	585	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	80,890	76,022	6
Average per farmdollars..	102,134	96,967	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,553	13,969	4
Average per farmdollars..	18,375	17,817	3
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	659	660	-0
Partnership or corporation	116	112	4
Other	17	12	42
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	515	553	-7
Other	277	231	20
Operators by sex:			
Male	701	709	-1
Female	91	75	21
Operators by race:			
White	791	780	1
Black and other races	1	4	-75
Average age of operator	53.0	52.5	1

(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.