

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 2,086,292 acres in 1992 to 1,913,603 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 717 acres in 1992 to 647 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 1,870 farms in 1992 to 1,698 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

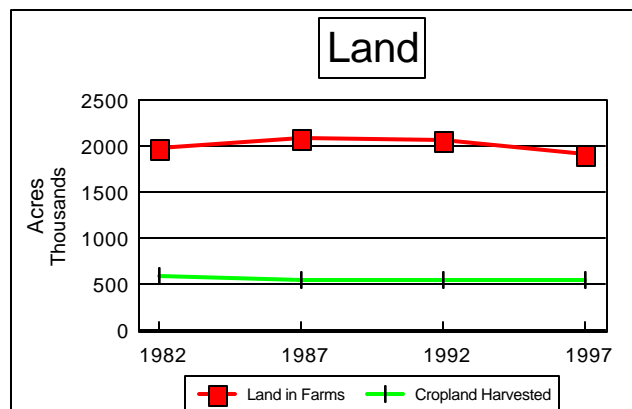
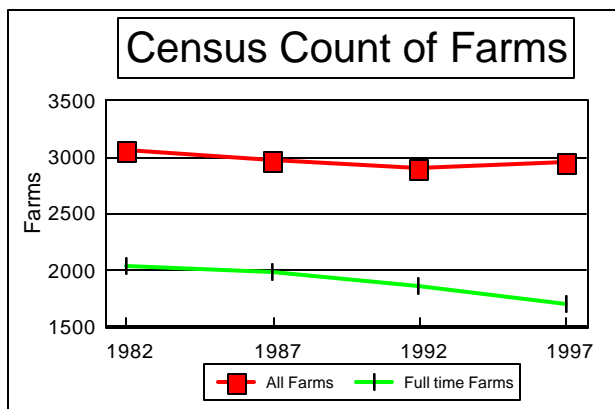
Increased 9 percent to \$1,286,636,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 7 percent from \$405,661 in 1992 to \$434,821 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	1,286,636	1	63	5	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,076,975	1	63	1	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	209,661	1	62	42	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	741,597	1	63	1	3,063
Sheep, lambs, and wool	106,483	1	56	1	2,787
Poultry & poultry products	105,630	1	51	40	2,901
Dairy products	94,231	1	42	27	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	44,864	1	51	42	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	1	28	19	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	1	37	31	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	968,053	1	63	1	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	883,981	1	56	1	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	250,107	3	54	127	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,611,652	1	58	21	3,002
All turkeys inventory	(D)	1	46	11	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	634,690	1	62	1	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	368,689	1	35	34	1,790
Sheep and lamb inventory	260,334	1	56	1	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	156,909	7	50	100	2,612
Hay crops-acres	137,479	1	62	13	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	118,327	2	35	149	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	42,352	1	36	7	2,473
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	24,986	1	10	19	199

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	1,189	962	24
\$10,000 or more	1,770	1,947	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,002,474	1,054,982	-5
Average per farmdollars..	338,674	362,537	-7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	284,738	121,995	133
Average per farmdollars..	96,195	41,923	129
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	2,433	2,353	3
Partnership or corporation	510	536	-5
Other	16	20	-20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,698	1,870	-9
Other	1,261	1,039	21
Operators by sex:			
Male	2,714	2,728	-1
Female	245	181	35
Operators by race:			
White	2,900	2,850	2
Black and other races	59	59	
Average age of operator	52.3	51.3	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.