

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



## BOULDER COLORADO

### Land in farms

Decreased 19 percent from 157,493 acres in 1992 to 128,146 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 211 acres in 1992 to 195 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 317 farms in 1992 to 276 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

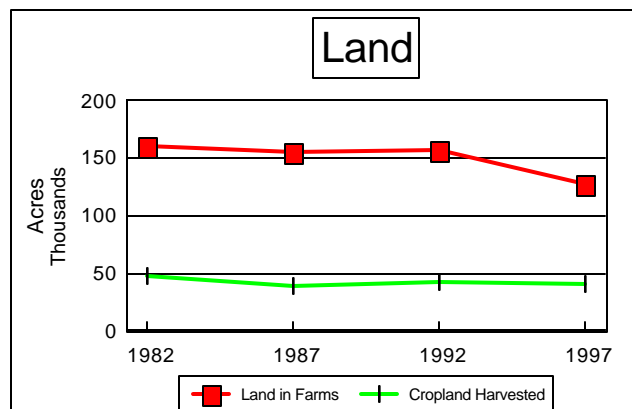
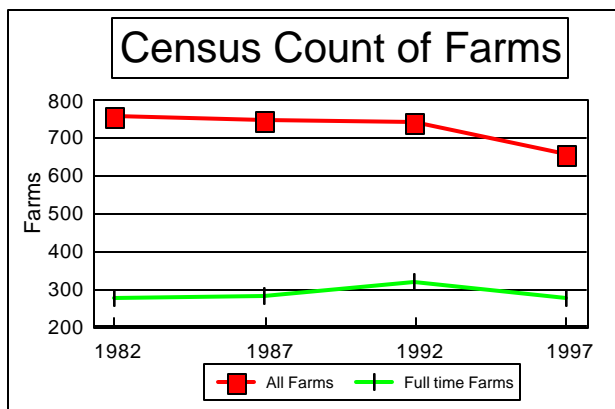
Decreased 35 percent to \$43,671,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 26 percent from \$90,402 in 1992 to \$66,471 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	43,671	23	63	1,341	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	27,898	15	62	1,004	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	15,773	27	63	1,467	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	18,896	4	51	111	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	4	51	468	2,901
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,639	19	60	185	3,043
Cattle and calves	3,179	44	63	1,815	3,063
Corn for grain	1,652	19	35	1,172	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	4	37	428	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,931	44	63	1,805	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	5,211	15	54	1,220	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,061	28	56	785	2,765
All goats sold	839	2	48	100	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	3	35	140	1,790
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	5	58	682	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	12,962	43	62	1,909	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	2,643	9	63	118	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,103	28	56	882	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	24,264	29	62	848	3,061
Wheat-acres	6,103	26	50	966	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	5,596	19	35	1,277	2,691
Barley-acres	1,751	9	39	292	1,411
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	1,187	9	10	112	199

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 .....	429	493	-13
\$10,000 or more .....	228	253	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	31,299	57,980	-46
Average per farm .....dollars..	47,639	77,721	-39
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	12,714	7,573	68
Average per farm .....dollars..	19,352	10,152	91
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	552	622	-11
Partnership or corporation .....	98	117	-16
Other .....	7	7	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	276	317	-13
Other .....	381	429	-11
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	541	640	-15
Female .....	116	106	9
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	651	737	-12
Black and other races .....	6	9	-33
Average age of operator .....	55.1	53.6	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.