

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



CHAFFEE COLORADO

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 84,172 acres in 1992 to 85,608 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 15 percent from 536 acres in 1992 to 453 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 7 percent from 82 farms in 1992 to 88 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

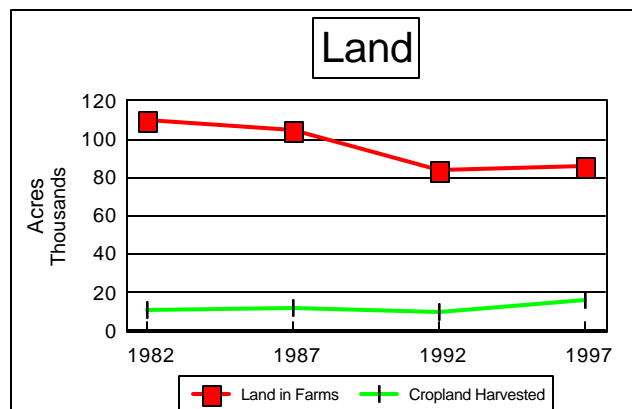
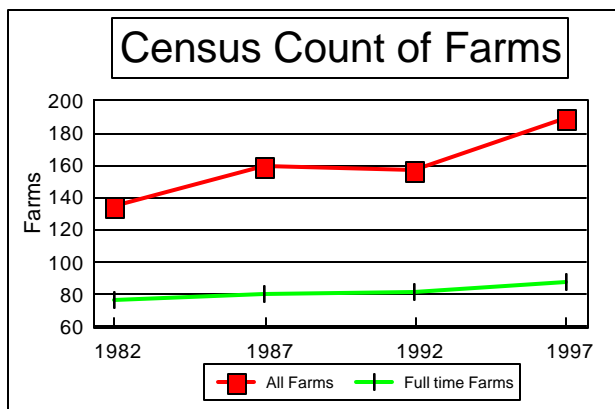
Increased 34 percent to \$5,161,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$24,514 in 1992 to \$27,308 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	5,161	49	63	2,753	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,081	47	63	2,582	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,081	43	62	2,502	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,543	50	63	1,983	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,083	17	51	940	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	933	38	60	992	3,043
Dairy products	(D)	29	42	1,995	2,563
Horses and ponies	230	18	61	679	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,380	51	63	2,111	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	201	44	56	1,721	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	155	16	61	530	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	72	42	54	2,641	2,976
Mules, burros, and donkeys sold	(D)	6	35	315	1,580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	11,141	48	62	2,040	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,101	26	63	647	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	231	39	58	2,237	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	182	46	56	1,909	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	83	22	43	1,151	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	16,148	36	62	1,248	3,061
Barley-acres	(D)	32	39	1,004	1,411
Potatoes-acres	(D)	10	24	414	1,733
Oats-acres	(D)	37	44	1,923	2,332
All nursery-acres	10	31	43	2,094	2,619

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	104	94	11
\$10,000 or more	85	63	35
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,357	3,655	19
Average per farmdollars..	23,176	23,130	0
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	558	436	28
Average per farmdollars..	2,967	2,758	8
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	146	131	11
Partnership or corporation	40	25	60
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	88	82	7
Other	101	75	35
Operators by sex:			
Male	164	141	16
Female	25	16	56
Operators by race:			
White	188	153	23
Black and other races	1	4	-75
Average age of operator	51.4	51.2	0

(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.