

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service



## COLFAX NEW MEXICO

### Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 2,085,387 acres in 1992 to 2,227,155 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 6,882 acres in 1992 to 6,917 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 190 farms in 1992 to 208 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

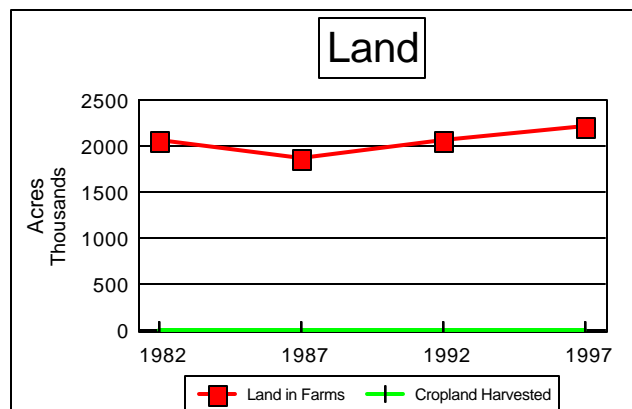
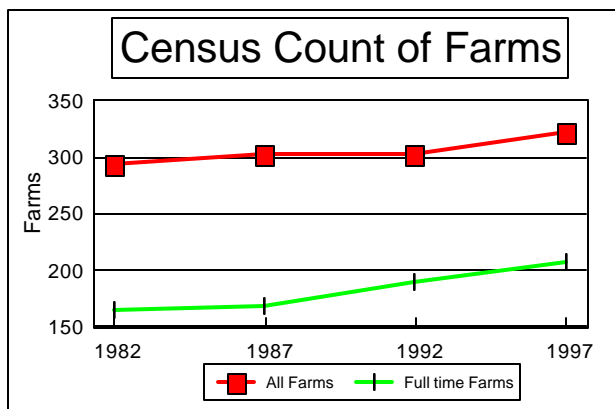
Increased 16 percent to \$40,236,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 9 percent from \$114,939 in 1992 to \$124,955 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	40,236	11	33	1,430	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	38,814	9	33	697	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,422	22	32	2,622	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	38,411	4	32	183	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,288	18	32	698	3,043
Horses and ponies	280	9	32	550	3,015
Grain sorghum	(D)	9	15	620	1,275
Wheat	(D)	10	25	1,932	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	74,390	5	32	159	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	1	13	438	1,353
Sheep and lambs sold	643	21	32	1,096	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	15	30	2,442	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	149	8	32	561	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	58,993	10	32	472	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,356	9	33	464	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	747	22	32	1,151	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	411	14	33	1,842	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	170	19	31	1,678	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	17,147	8	32	1,182	3,061
Wheat-acres	(D)	10	25	1,730	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	(D)	10	15	753	1,508
Oats-acres	27	19	24	2,019	2,332
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	23	27	2,593	2,691

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 .....	138	126	10
\$10,000 or more .....	184	177	4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	31,979	28,493	12
Average per farm .....dollars..	99,623	94,037	6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,930	5,687	57
Average per farm .....dollars..	27,818	18,769	48
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	263	227	16
Partnership or corporation .....	48	64	-25
Other .....	11	12	-8
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	208	190	9
Other .....	114	113	1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	286	271	6
Female .....	36	32	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	320	282	13
Black and other races .....	2	21	-90
Average age of operator .....	56.2	54.4	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.