

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

Colorado

Number of farms

31,369 farms in 2002, 30,197 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

31,093,336 acres in 2002, 32,349,832 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

991 acres in 2002, 1,071 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$4,525,196,000 in 2002, \$4,553,732,000 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,216,278,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,308,918,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

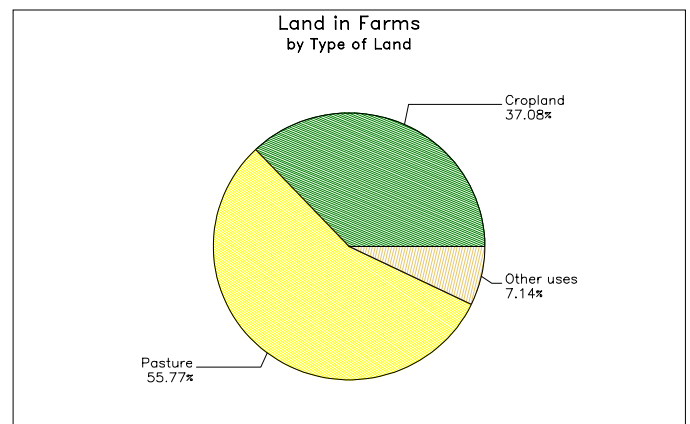
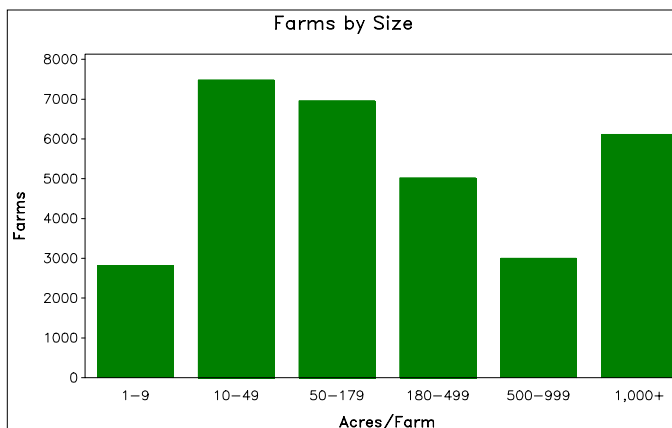
\$144,257 in 2002, \$150,801 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$125,774,000 in 2002, \$120,100,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,376 in 2002, \$12,980 in 1997, down 5 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,525,196	16	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,216,278	24	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,308,918	12	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	448,378	21	50
Tobacco	-	-	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	297,752	12	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	15,735	26	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	261,426	16	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	398	41	50
Other crops and hay	192,590	14	50
Poultry and eggs	113,256	28	50
Cattle and calves	2,632,740	4	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	247,095	21	50
Hogs and pigs	179,415	14	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	72,479	2	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	21,365	13	50
Aquaculture	28,805	11	50
Other animals and other animal products	13,763	21	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Layers 20 weeks old and older	4,057,514	23	50
Cattle and calves	2,656,351	10	50
Turkeys	(D)	(D)	50
Hogs and pigs	783,467	15	50
Sheep and lambs	382,933	4	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
All Wheat for grain	1,666,332	8	48
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,236,356	21	50
Corn for grain	708,197	16	49
Corn for silage	142,853	13	49
Proso millet	113,684	1	21

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	9,429	Farming	18,331
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3,587	Other	13,038
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,979		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,967	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,882	Male	26,152
\$20,000 to \$24,999	896	Female	5,217
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1,725		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	795	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,179		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2,064	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	867	White	48,283
\$500,000 or more	999	Black or African American	63
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	4,412,593	American Indian or Alaska Native	401
Average per farm (\$)	140,717	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	19
		Asian	108
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	367,349	More than one race	228
Average per farm (\$)	11,715	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2,557

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.