

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Conejos, Colorado

Number of farms

494 farms in 2002, 423 farms in 1997, up 17 percent.

Land in farms

267,708 acres in 2002, 261,012 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm

542 acres in 2002, 617 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$22,852,000 in 2002, \$23,935,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,991,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,861,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

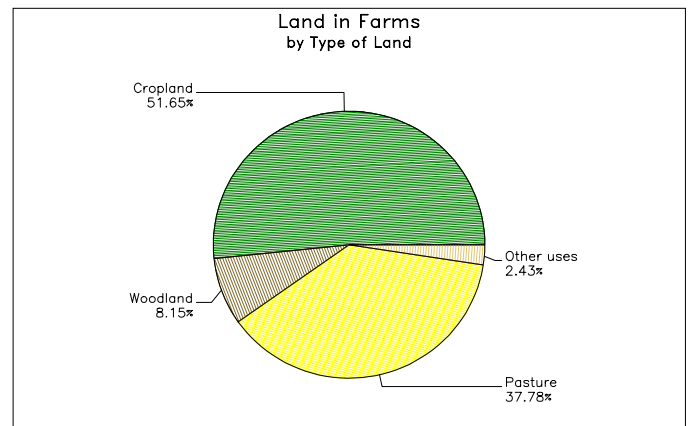
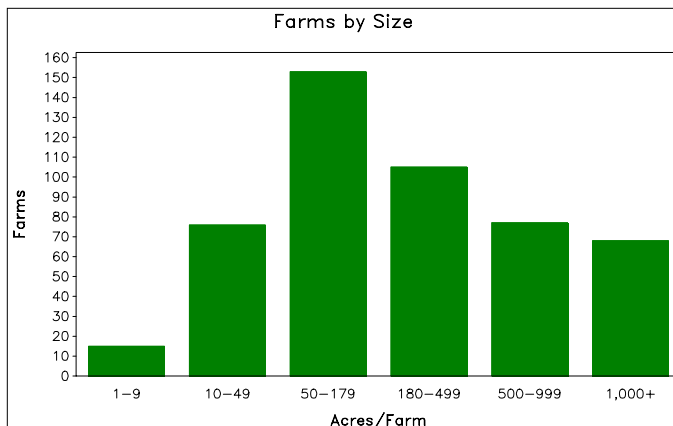
\$46,259 in 2002, \$56,584 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Government Payments

\$731,000 in 2002, \$332,000 in 1997, up 120 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,040 in 2002, \$4,736 in 1997, up 6 percent.



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Ranked items among the 63 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	22,852	30	62	1,965	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,991	25	62	1,534	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,861	33	62	1,812	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,385	22	44	1,505	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,924	14	42	435	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	28	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	49	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	24	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	6,681	10	61	200	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6	21	53	2,141	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,381	29	60	1,035	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	12	39	56	2,241	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	534	9	57	177	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	235	20	52	530	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	24,689	25	61	1,251	3,059
Sheep and lambs	11,067	6	55	113	2,867
Colonies of bees	2,000	6	40	284	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,534	23	63	735	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	748	14	57	1,610	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	43,740	6	61	412	3,059
Barley	5,611	5	22	136	1,246
Potatoes	1,185	7	22	148	1,551
All Wheat for grain	902	33	41	1,583	2,517
Oats	450	5	28	900	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	125	Farming	315
\$1,000 to \$2,499	41	Other	179
\$2,500 to \$4,999	29		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	57	Male	464
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Female	30
\$25,000 to \$39,999	53		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	48		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	White	682
\$500,000 or more	6	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	20,185	American Indian or Alaska Native	23
Average per farm (\$)	40,861	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,882	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	9,883	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	337

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

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