

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Custer, Colorado

Number of farms

158 farms in 2002, 166 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

121,882 acres in 2002, 139,388 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

Average size of farm

771 acres in 2002, 840 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$2,741,000 in 2002, \$4,658,000 in 1997, down 41 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$275,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,466,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

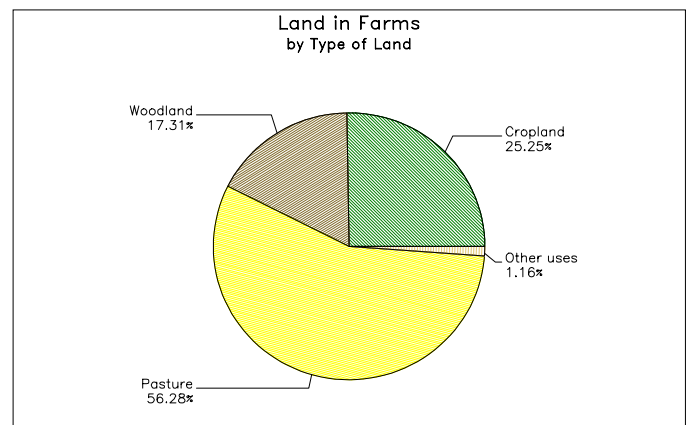
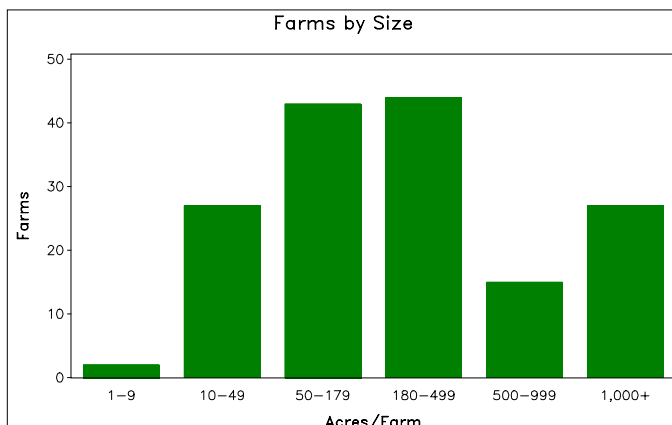
\$17,347 in 2002, \$28,063 in 1997, down 38 percent.

Government Payments

\$68,000 in 2002, \$87,000 in 1997, down 22 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,216 in 2002, \$6,233 in 1997, down 48 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	2,741	53	62	2,901	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	275	54	62	2,976	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,466	51	62	2,641	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	44	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	42	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	28	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	42	53	2,603	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,174	51	60	2,113	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	7	52	57	2,479	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	180	30	61	1,214	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,077	51	61	2,508	3,059
Horses and ponies	734	42	63	1,674	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	242	39	57	2,370	2,983
Llamas	100	25	51	354	2,112
Sheep and lambs ³	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,702	51	61	2,483	3,059
Cut Christmas trees ³	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	1,877
Nursery stock ³	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,129
Short-rotation woody crops ³	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	1,262
Apples ³	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,173

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	(D)	Farming	90
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10	Other	68
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Male	122
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	36
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	241
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,994	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	18,952	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	78	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	492	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.