

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

El Paso, Colorado

Number of farms

1,175 farms in 2002, 962 farms in 1997, up 22 percent.

Land in farms

811,931 acres in 2002, 858,107 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

691 acres in 2002, 892 acres in 1997, down 23 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$31,964,000 in 2002, \$30,869,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$13,956,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$18,008,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

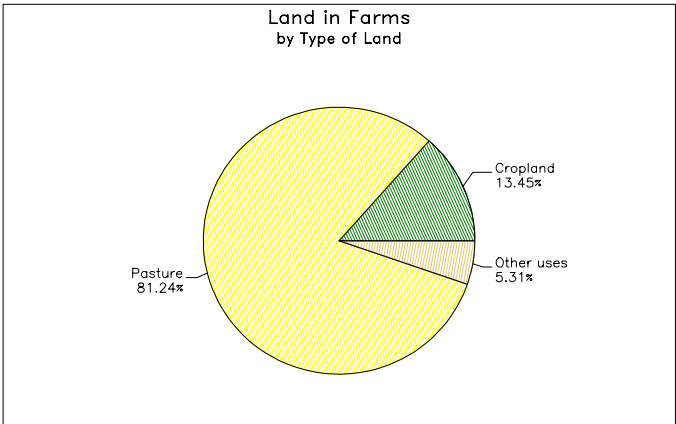
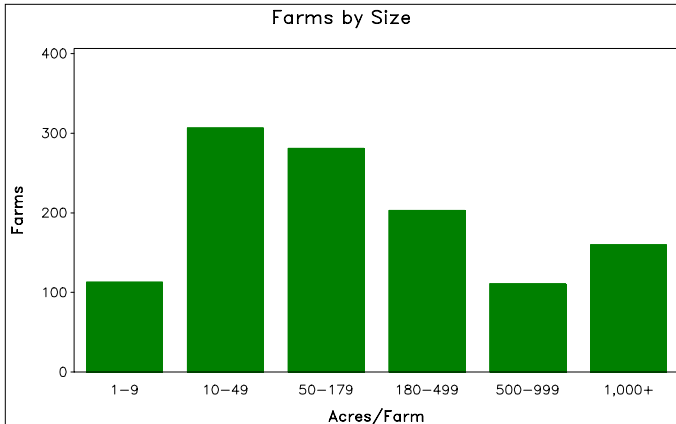
\$27,204 in 2002, \$32,089 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Government Payments

\$711,000 in 2002, \$734,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,338 in 2002, \$7,128 in 1997, down 53 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	31,964	25	62	1,646	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	13,956	23	62	1,439	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,008	24	62	1,386	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	72	35	44	2,458	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	42	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	12,860	8	49	208	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	25	6	24	886	1,774
Other crops and hay	979	30	61	1,262	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	13,514	24	60	772	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,877	11	40	1,058	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,061	12	56	861	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	178	21	57	484	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,224	5	61	98	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	97	29	52	869	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	25,039	24	61	1,240	3,059
Hogs and pigs	5,763	13	53	867	2,926
Horses and ponies	5,051	3	63	48	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,056	7	57	993	2,983
All Goats	1,595	2	53	256	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,399	34	61	1,641	3,059
All Wheat for grain	1,390	30	41	1,426	2,517
Sod harvested	1,246	2	18	81	740
Soybeans	(D)	3	9	(D)	2,076
Sorghum for silage	186	13	29	410	1,387

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	423
\$1,000 to \$2,499	182
\$2,500 to \$4,999	128
\$5,000 to \$9,999	119
\$10,000 to \$19,999	142
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37
\$100,000 to \$249,999	27
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14
\$500,000 or more	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	35,928
Average per farm (\$)	30,551
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,485
Average per farm (\$)	2,114

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	638
Other	537
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	858
Female	317
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,890
Black or African American	13
American Indian or Alaska Native	22
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	5
More than one race	15
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	71

(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.