

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Garfield, Colorado

### Number of farms

499 farms in 2002, 495 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Land in farms

404,335 acres in 2002, 408,872 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

810 acres in 2002, 826 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$22,771,000 in 2002, \$22,194,000 in 1997, up 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,077,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$15,694,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

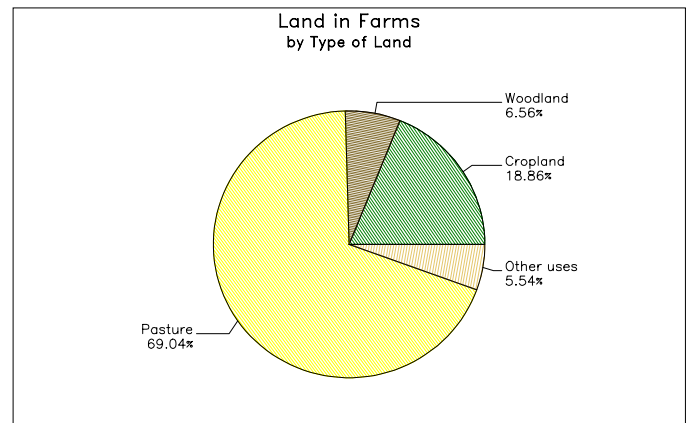
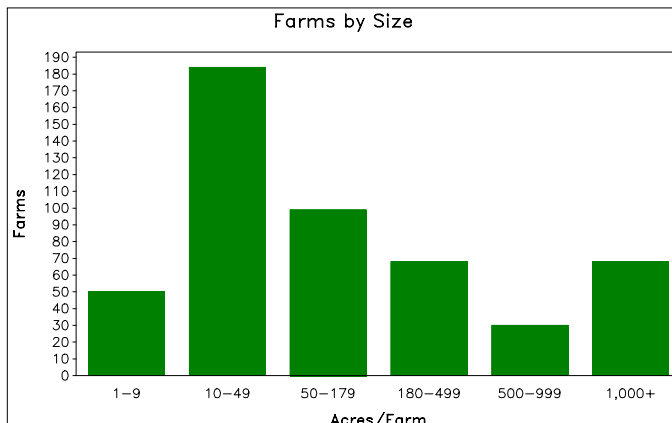
\$45,634 in 2002, \$44,837 in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Government Payments

\$559,000 in 2002, \$267,000 in 1997, up 109 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,253 in 2002, \$5,228 in 1997, up 39 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	22,771	31	62	1,971	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,077	29	62	1,876	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,694	25	62	1,506	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	22	39	44	2,640	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	16	30	42	2,392	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	115	7	28	1,177	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,307	12	49	445	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	24	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,617	26	61	805	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5	23	53	2,229	2,918
Cattle and calves	12,928	25	60	806	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	76	24	56	1,552	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	584	8	57	161	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	494	13	61	394	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	22,408	28	61	1,339	3,059
Sheep and lambs	8,236	9	55	141	2,867
Horses and ponies	3,015	12	63	205	3,065
Hogs and pigs	747	22	53	1,447	2,926
Colonies of bees <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,678	25	61	1,029	3,059
Nursery stock	90	12	34	692	2,129
Sod harvested <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	18	(D)	740
Sorghum for grain <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	1,307
Corn for silage <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	37	(D)	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	168	Farming	258
\$1,000 to \$2,499	57	Other	241
\$2,500 to \$4,999	55		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	68	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	47	Male	401
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Female	98
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	23	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	White	788
\$500,000 or more	8	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	26,275	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
Average per farm (\$)	52,550	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,364	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	-2,729	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	29

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

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