

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Gunnison, Colorado

Number of farms

186 farms in 2002, 201 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

165,488 acres in 2002, 195,637 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

Average size of farm

890 acres in 2002, 973 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$9,139,000 in 2002, \$8,437,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$982,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,157,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

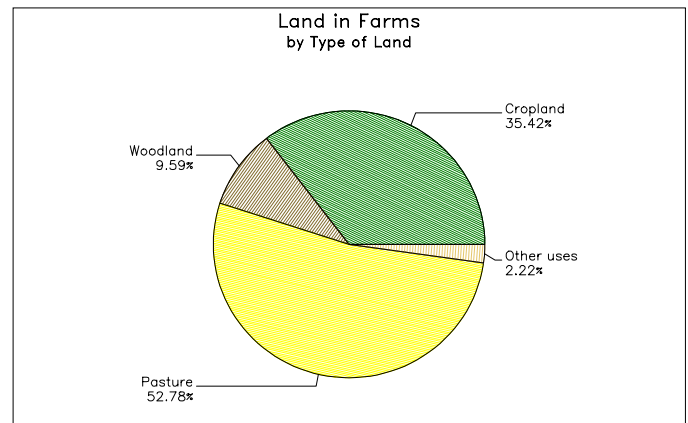
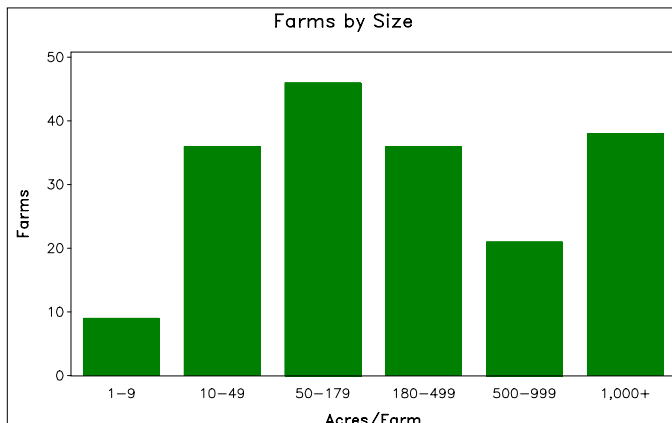
\$49,133 in 2002, \$41,977 in 1997, up 17 percent.

Government Payments

\$295,000 in 2002, \$85,000 in 1997, up 247 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,805 in 2002, \$8,533 in 1997, up 38 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 | 9,139 | 43 | 62 | 2,544 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 982 | 45 | 62 | 2,734 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 8,157 | 36 | 62 | 2,030 | 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 | (D) | (D) | 42 | (D) | 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 | - | - | 24 | - | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | (D) | (D) | 61 | (D) | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | (D) | (D) | 53 | (D) | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | (D) | (D) | 60 | (D) | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | - | - | 40 | - | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | (D) | 56 | (D) | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | (D) | (D) | 57 | (D) | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 114 | 39 | 61 | 1,654 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | (D) | 27 | (D) | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 57 | 36 | 52 | 1,101 | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 14,900 | 34 | 61 | 1,744 | 3,059 |
| Sheep and lambs | (D) | 12 | 55 | (D) | 2,867 |
| Horses and ponies | 1,188 | 29 | 63 | 1,049 | 3,065 |
| Elk | 96 | 18 | 27 | 263 | 783 |
| Bison ³ | (D) | (D) | 45 | (D) | 1,321 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 25,055 | 18 | 61 | 886 | 3,059 |
| Nursery stock | (D) | 20 | 34 | (D) | 2,129 |
| All Vegetables harvested ³ | (D) | (D) | 40 | (D) | 2,710 |
| Lettuce ³ | (D) | (D) | 21 | (D) | 654 |
| Spinach ³ | (D) | (D) | 16 | (D) | 377 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 66 | Farming | 117 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 23 | Other | 69 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 10 | | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 17 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 17 | Male | 164 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 4 | Female | 22 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 7 | | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 7 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 53.1 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 10 | | |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 15 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 7 | White | 290 |
| \$500,000 or more | 3 | Black or African American | - |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 8,089 | American Indian or Alaska Native | - |
| Average per farm (\$) | 43,255 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| | | Asian | - |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 1,669 | More than one race | 1 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 8,923 | All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 4 |

(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.