

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Huerfano, Colorado

Number of farms

292 farms in 2002, 290 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

608,002 acres in 2002, 618,914 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

2,082 acres in 2002, 2,134 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$7,612,000 in 2002, \$9,413,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$285,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,327,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

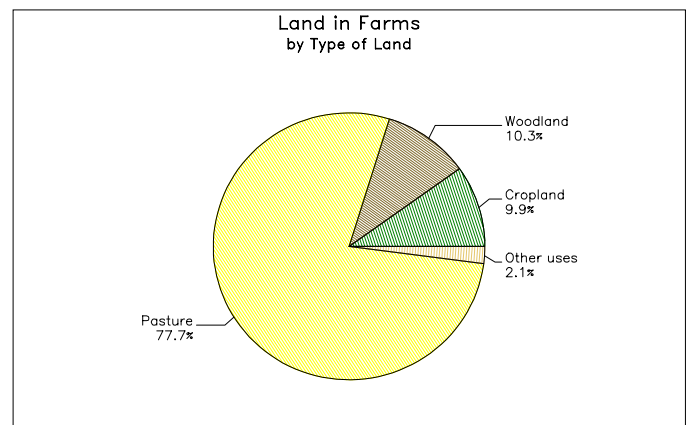
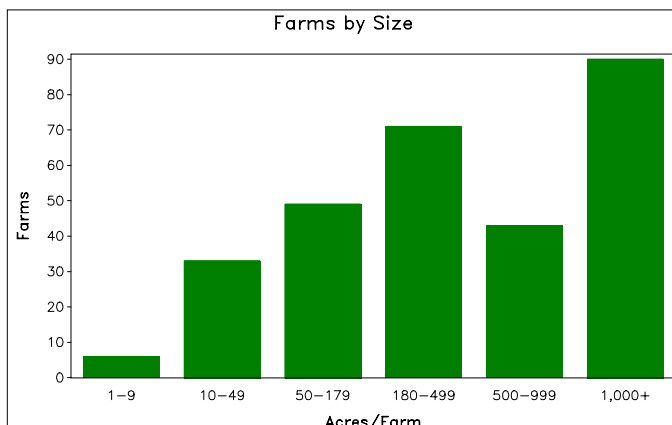
\$26,068 in 2002, \$32,459 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Government Payments

\$168,000 in 2002, \$192,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,314 in 2002, \$9,128 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	7,612	45	62	2,610	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	285	53	62	2,968	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,327	38	62	2,105	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	(Z)	48	53	2,810	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	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	20	41	57	1,919	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	222	26	61	1,019	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	8,669	43	61	2,170	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,196	28	63	1,035	3,065
Bison	(D)	6	45	(D)	1,321
Sheep and lambs	282	41	55	1,790	2,867
All Goats	226	29	53	1,727	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,314	53	61	2,693	3,059
Corn for silage	(D)	25	37	(D)	2,307
Floriculture crops ³	(D)	(D)	25	(D)	1,801
Grapes ³	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	1,830
All Vegetables harvested ³	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	112	Farming	179
\$1,000 to \$2,499	48	Other	113
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18	Male	251
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30	Female	41
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	White	431
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	9
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,231	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	21,194	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	109
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,116		
Average per farm (\$)	3,797		

(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.