

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Las Animas, Colorado

Number of farms

567 farms in 2002, 492 farms in 1997, up 15 percent.

Land in farms

2,304,766 acres in 2002, 2,151,090 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Average size of farm

4,065 acres in 2002, 4,372 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$20,887,000 in 2002, \$19,970,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$761,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$20,126,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

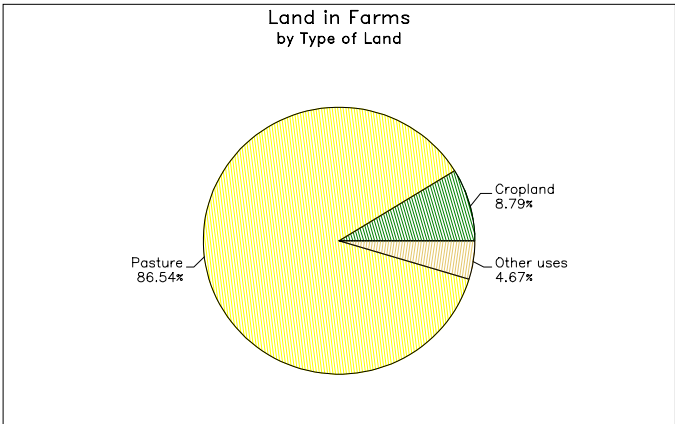
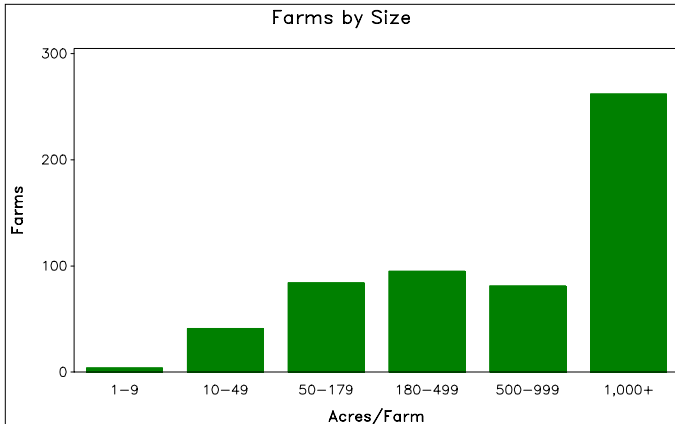
\$36,838 in 2002, \$40,590 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,458,000 in 2002, \$1,056,000 in 1997, up 38 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,236 in 2002, \$12,718 in 1997, down 35 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	20,887	32	62	2,062	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	761	47	62	2,813	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	20,126	22	62	1,292	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	19	41	44	2,667	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	195	30	49	1,825	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	540	37	61	1,840	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	41	53	2,588	2,918
Cattle and calves	19,758	18	60	529	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	46	32	57	1,337	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	253	23	61	891	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	26	42	52	1,419	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	41,227	15	61	743	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,805	18	63	560	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	512	25	57	1,885	2,983
All Goats	280	24	53	1,553	2,971
Sheep and lambs	154	47	55	2,075	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,885	42	61	2,070	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	1,300	1	28	59	1,877
All Wheat for grain	(D)	37	41	(D)	2,517
Sorghum for silage	(D)	14	29	(D)	1,387
Corn for silage	(D)	28	37	(D)	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	146
\$1,000 to \$2,499	64
\$2,500 to \$4,999	33
\$5,000 to \$9,999	59
\$10,000 to \$19,999	71
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23
\$25,000 to \$39,999	36
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60
\$100,000 to \$249,999	46
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	20,477
Average per farm (\$)	36,242
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,798
Average per farm (\$)	3,183

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	370
Other	197
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	498
Female	69
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	858
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	14
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	152

(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.