

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mesa, Colorado

Number of farms

1,599 farms in 2002, 1,599 farms in 1997, unchanged.

Land in farms

385,255 acres in 2002, 400,635 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

241 acres in 2002, 251 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$59,224,000 in 2002, \$49,837,000 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$29,554,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$29,670,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

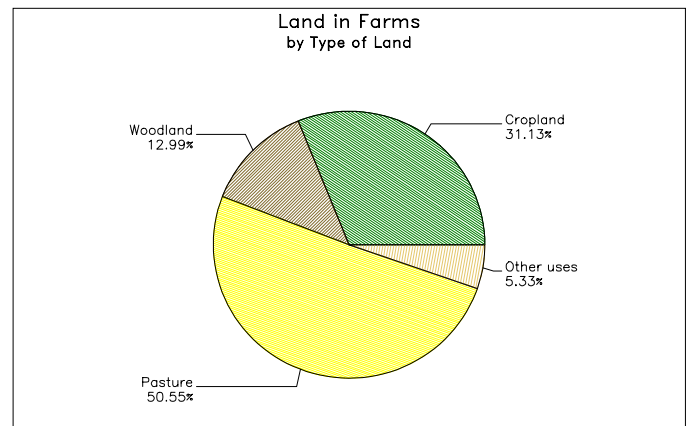
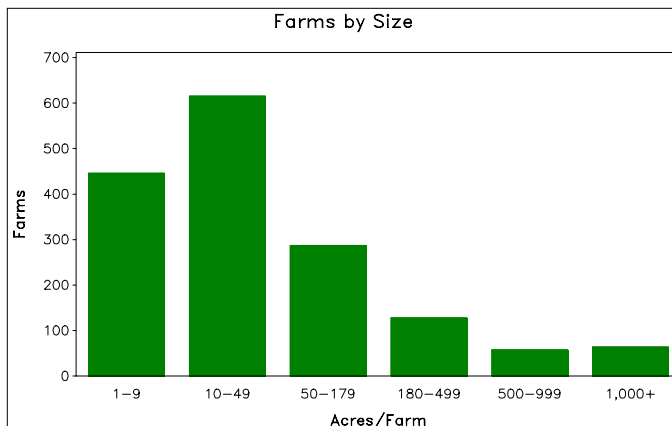
\$37,038 in 2002, \$31,168 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Government Payments

\$879,000 in 2002, \$778,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,938 in 2002, \$6,823 in 1997, down 28 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	59,224	17	62	967	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	29,554	13	62	870	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	29,670	17	62	948	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	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	8,492	1	28	123	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,209	10	49	254	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	5,378	12	61	235	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	14,355	22	60	730	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	55	28	56	1,665	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	260	12	57	337	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	802	6	61	181	3,014
Aquaculture	2	22	27	1,207	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	835	5	52	152	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	2	57	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	45,071	14	61	660	3,059
Horses and ponies	4,788	5	63	60	3,065
Sheep and lambs	3,111	14	55	363	2,867
Elk	1,226	3	27	6	783
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,917	10	61	576	3,059
All Wheat for grain	3,499	22	41	1,059	2,517
Corn for grain	2,915	17	28	1,450	2,592
Corn for silage	2,229	12	37	699	2,307
Peaches	1,504	1	18	24	1,773

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	381
\$1,000 to \$2,499	289
\$2,500 to \$4,999	263
\$5,000 to \$9,999	184
\$10,000 to \$19,999	155
\$20,000 to \$24,999	46
\$25,000 to \$39,999	81
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29
\$50,000 to \$99,999	64
\$100,000 to \$249,999	72
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20
\$500,000 or more	15
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	57,491
Average per farm (\$)	35,887
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,746
Average per farm (\$)	2,962

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	818
Other	781
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,325
Female	274
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
All operators ² by race:	
White	2,434
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	25
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	5
More than one race	26
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	88

(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.