

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Montezuma, Colorado

### Number of farms

829 farms in 2002, 763 farms in 1997, up 9 percent.

### Land in farms

818,677 acres in 2002, 927,202 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Average size of farm

988 acres in 2002, 1,215 acres in 1997, down 19 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$14,521,000 in 2002, \$21,606,000 in 1997, down 33 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,463,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,058,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

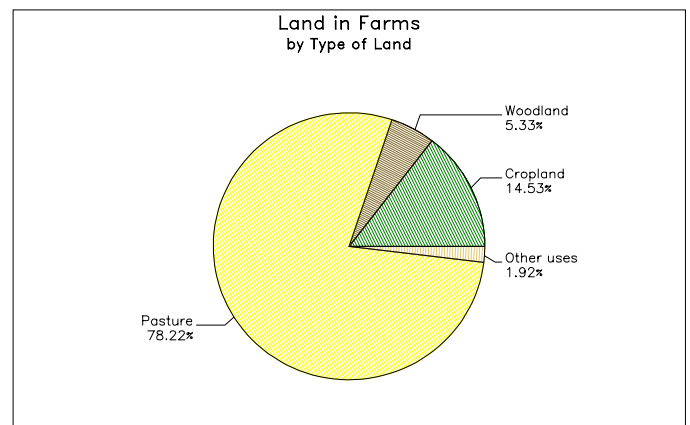
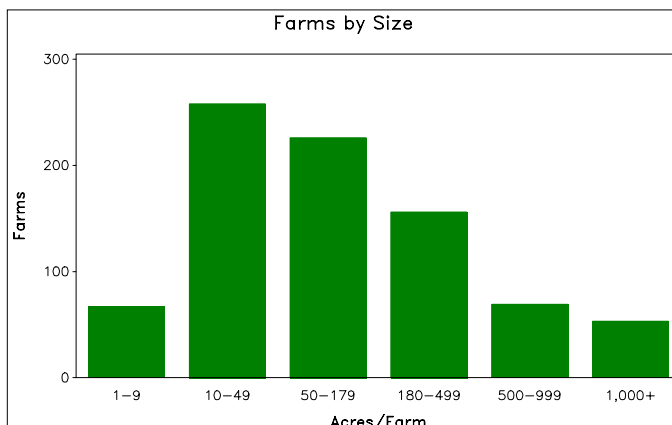
\$17,516 in 2002, \$28,317 in 1997, down 38 percent.

### Government Payments

\$598,000 in 2002, \$812,000 in 1997, down 26 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,100 in 2002, \$5,601 in 1997, down 45 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	14,521	40	62	2,292	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,463	31	62	1,937	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,058	37	62	2,044	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	275	33	44	2,164	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	453	4	28	566	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,308	18	49	978	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	4,370	14	61	279	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6	22	53	2,142	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,404	32	60	1,212	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	40	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	46	30	56	1,732	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	183	20	57	470	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	355	18	61	605	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	64	33	52	1,056	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	19,355	32	61	1,497	3,059
Horses and ponies	3,050	11	63	201	3,065
Sheep and lambs	2,363	20	55	480	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	700	16	57	1,657	2,983
All Goats	691	6	53	754	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	38,117	7	61	523	3,059
All Wheat for grain	2,147	27	41	1,264	2,517
Apples	156	3	28	278	2,173
Corn for silage	(D)	27	37	(D)	2,307
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**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	287	Farming	400
\$1,000 to \$2,499	120	Other	429
\$2,500 to \$4,999	85	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	109	Male	696
\$10,000 to \$19,999	78	Female	133
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	39	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	White	1,229
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37	Black or African American	9
\$100,000 to \$249,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	2	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	18,586	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	22,555	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	45
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,661		
Average per farm (\$)	-3,230		

(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.