

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Rio Blanco, Colorado

### Number of farms

245 farms in 2002, 266 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Land in farms

376,509 acres in 2002, 453,179 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,537 acres in 2002, 1,704 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$12,921,000 in 2002, \$13,698,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,111,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$11,810,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

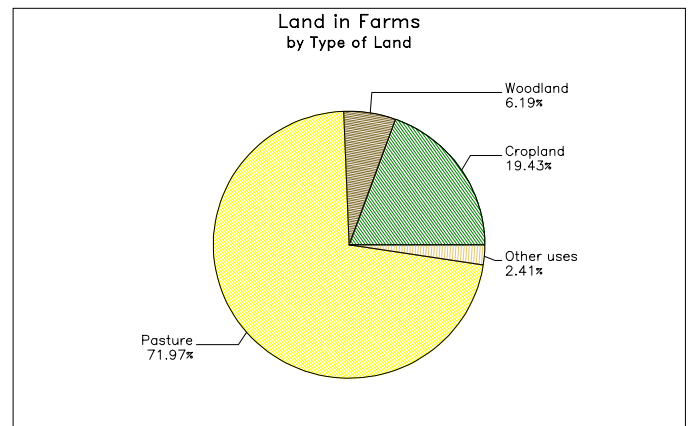
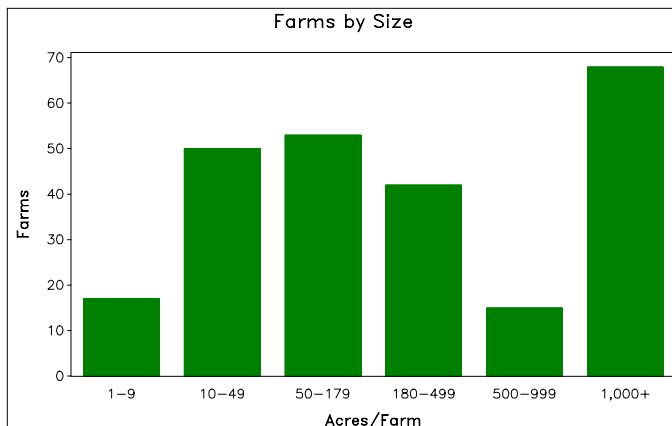
\$52,740 in 2002, \$51,496 in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Government Payments

\$634,000 in 2002, \$279,000 in 1997, up 127 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,237 in 2002, \$6,205 in 1997, up 33 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	12,921	41	62	2,361	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,111	42	62	2,693	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	11,810	30	62	1,741	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
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	-	-	42	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,052	29	61	1,188	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,070	31	60	1,059	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	40	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	523	16	56	1,027	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,850	3	57	53	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	315	19	61	693	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Sheep and lambs	31,378	3	55	35	2,867
Cattle and calves	22,280	29	61	1,345	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,537	22	63	731	3,065
Hogs and pigs	542	25	53	1,596	2,926
All Goats	398	16	53	1,213	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,778	26	61	1,069	3,059
All Wheat for grain	(D)	35	41	(D)	2,517
All Field and grass seed crops	(D)	5	19	(D)	1,293
Corn for silage	(D)	33	37	(D)	2,307
Short-rotation woody crops	9	19	28	1,006	1,262

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	61
\$1,000 to \$2,499	14
\$2,500 to \$4,999	28
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18
\$100,000 to \$249,999	29
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12
\$500,000 or more	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	14,035
Average per farm (\$)	57,288
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,081
Average per farm (\$)	8,495

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	169
Other	76
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	184
Female	61
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	401
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	3
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	20

(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.