

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Bent, Colorado

Number of farms

265 farms in 2002, 280 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

735,826 acres in 2002, 767,656 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

2,777 acres in 2002, 2,742 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$82,152,000 in 2002, \$50,714,000 in 1997, up 62 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,757,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$77,395,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

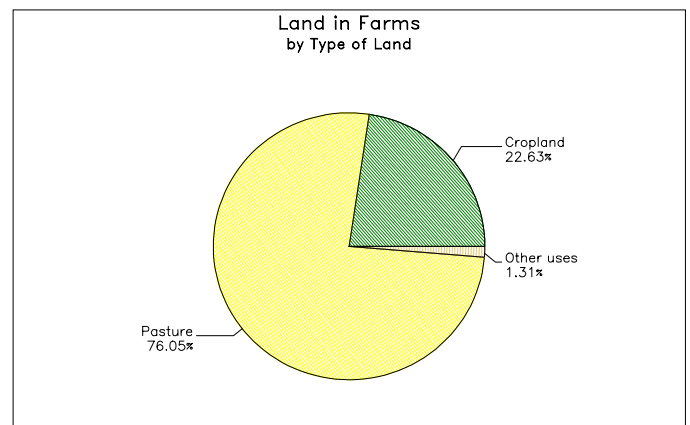
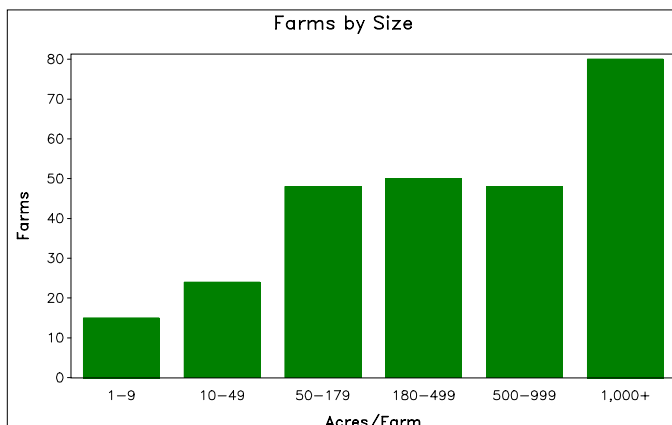
\$310,007 in 2002, \$181,121 in 1997, up 71 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,656,000 in 2002, \$1,236,000 in 1997, up 34 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,467 in 2002, \$9,360 in 1997, up 44 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	82,152	12	62	677	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,757	33	62	2,102	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	77,395	8	62	301	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	-	-	28	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	49	-	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	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	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	15	43	57	2,071	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	54	48	61	2,305	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	584	7	52	234	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	2	53	(D)	2,926
Cattle and calves	47,102	12	61	619	3,059
Colonies of bees	5,273	1	40	103	2,392
Pheasants ³	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	1,541
Quail ³	(D)	(D)	21	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,286	17	61	814	3,059
All Wheat for grain	2,809	24	41	1,156	2,517
Corn for grain	1,340	22	28	1,706	2,592
Corn for silage	909	21	37	1,147	2,307
Sorghum for silage	841	5	29	123	1,387

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	58	Farming	181
\$1,000 to \$2,499	19	Other	84
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	14	Male	233
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19	Female	32
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	White	395
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	29	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	11	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	79,132	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	298,613	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	22
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,898		
Average per farm (\$)	22,258		

(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.