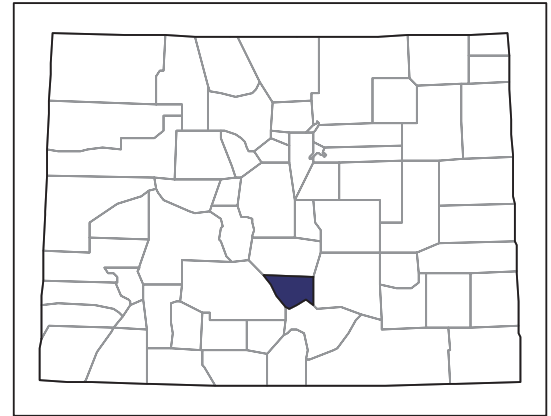


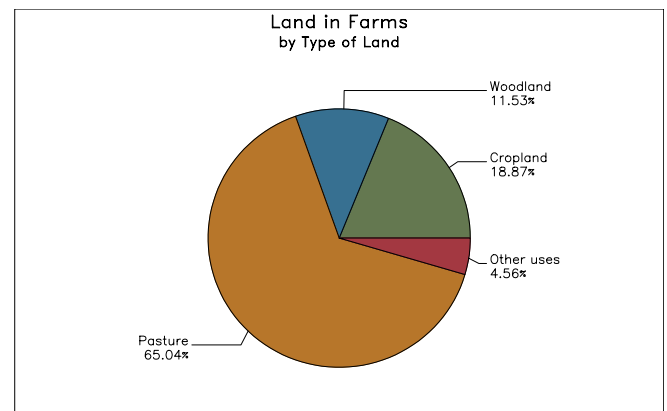
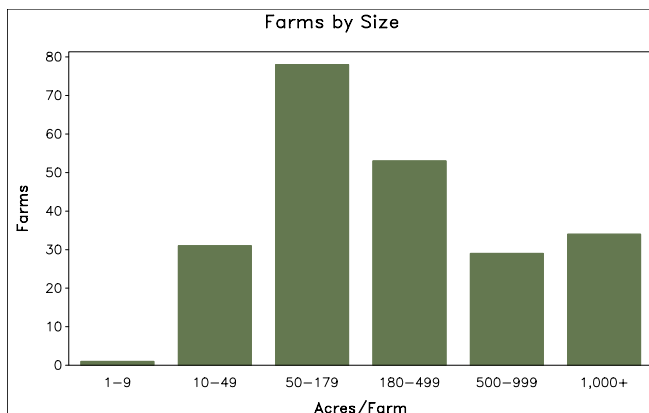
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile

### Custer County Colorado



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	226	158	+ 43
<b>Land in Farms</b>	137,799 acres	121,882 acres	+ 13
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	610 acres	771 acres	- 21
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$8,424,000	\$2,741,000	+ 207
Crop Sales \$2,250,000 (27 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,174,000 (73 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$37,274	\$17,347	+ 115
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$94,000	\$68,000	+ 38
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,274	\$3,216	+ 33



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### Custer County – Colorado

#### Ranked items among the 64 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	8,424	47	63	2,668	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,250	44	62	2,549	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,174	43	63	2,334	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	50	-	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	44	49	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	24	-	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	40	49	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	24	31	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,218	33	62	788	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	51	60	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	5,894	39	62	1,599	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	48	50	2,459	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3	49	56	2,649	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	50	58	2,676	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	188	28	62	1,162	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	23	24	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	68	36	53	1,216	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,572	37	63	1,344	3,060
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	6	28	(D)	1,756
Nursery stock	(D)	21	35	(D)	2,130
Short-rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	29	(D)	1,134
Vegetables harvested for sale	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,794
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,575	47	63	2,298	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,030	37	63	1,349	3,066
Goats, all	253	39	59	2,064	3,023
Layers	173	51	59	2,710	3,024
Alpacas	150	16	41	208	1,496

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	98	Farming	94
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10	Other	132
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	27	Male	172
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9	Female	54
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	2	White	357
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,226	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	36,399	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	850		
Average per farm (\$)	3,759		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

<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.