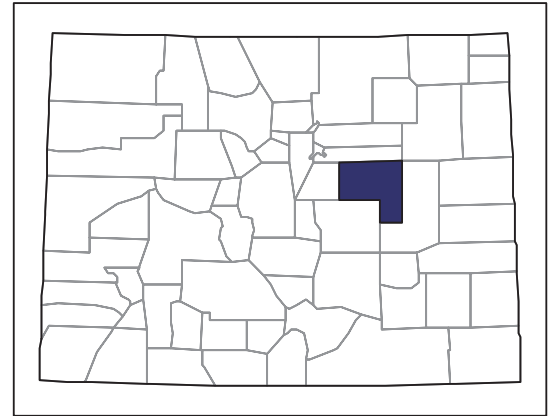


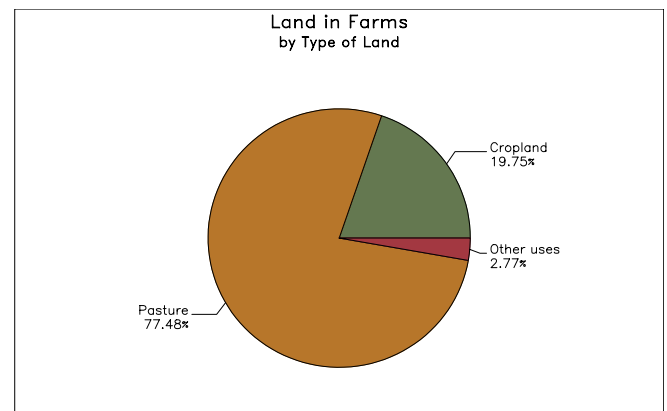
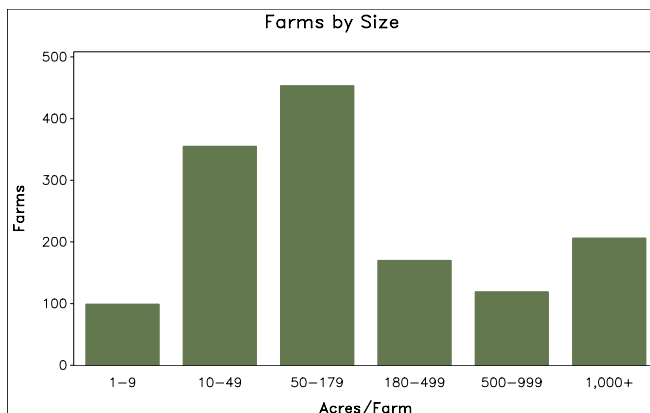
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Elbert County Colorado



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,402	1,153	+ 22
Land in Farms	1,134,199 acres	1,068,359 acres	+ 6
Average Size of Farm	809 acres	927 acres	- 13
Market Value of Products Sold	\$40,724,000	\$27,873,000	+ 46
Crop Sales \$13,225,000 (32 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$27,499,000 (68 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$29,047	\$24,174	+ 20
Government Payments	\$2,488,000	\$2,062,000	+ 21
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,569	\$8,149	+ 17



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

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	40,724	26	63	1,749	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	13,225	31	62	1,705	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	27,499	20	63	1,258	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	7,354	22	50	1,350	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	10	36	49	2,529	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	24	-	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	409	26	49	1,508	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	9	12	31	1,138	1,710
Other crops and hay	5,443	18	62	294	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	24,250	18	62	549	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	19	50	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	44	26	56	1,637	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	104	31	58	1,074	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,309	7	62	154	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	1,066	6	53	186	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	56,742	6	63	201	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	33,803	16	48	370	2,481
Proso millet	11,929	8	19	14	170
Corn for grain	4,838	19	38	1,422	2,634
Sunflower seed, all	2,338	11	23	138	620
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	45,540	17	63	667	3,060
Horses and ponies	4,594	7	63	96	3,066
Layers	2,314	11	59	1,049	3,024
Bison	1,763	4	41	23	1,543
Sheep and lambs	1,140	27	57	817	2,891

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	594	Farming	495
\$1,000 to \$2,499	164	Other	907
\$2,500 to \$4,999	151	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	127	Male	1,055
\$10,000 to \$19,999	102	Female	347
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	54	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	31
\$50,000 to \$99,999	76	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	44	Black or African American	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10
\$500,000 or more	16	White	2,242
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	49,457	More than one race	22
Average per farm (\$)	35,276	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	56
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,400		
Average per farm (\$)	-998		

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.

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.