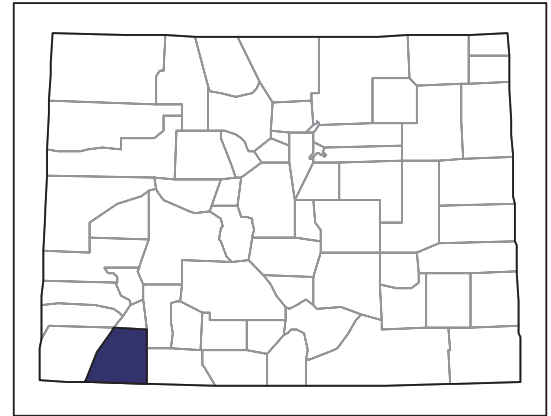


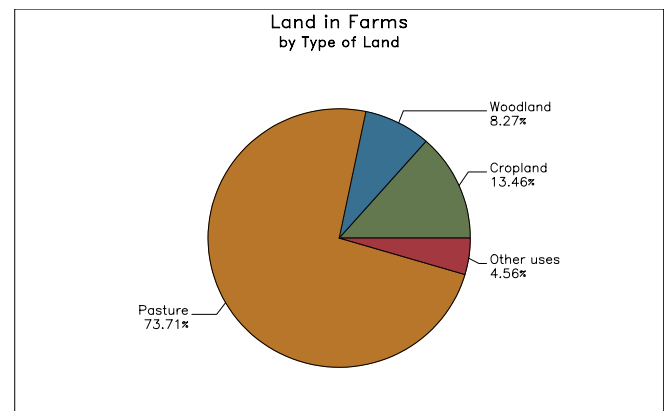
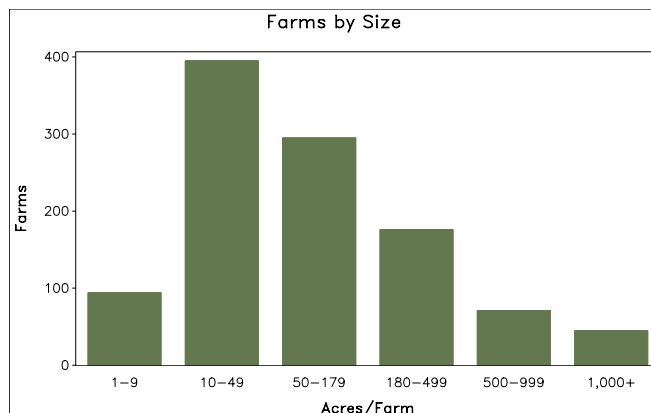
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

La Plata County Colorado



| | 2007 | 2002 | % change |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 1,076 | 923 | + 17 |
| Land in Farms | 570,189 acres | 562,664 acres | + 1 |
| Average Size of Farm | 530 acres | 610 acres | - 13 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$19,791,000 | \$15,962,000 | + 24 |
| Crop Sales \$7,850,000 (40 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$11,941,000 (60 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$18,393 | \$17,294 | + 6 |
| Government Payments | \$1,045,000 | \$827,000 | + 26 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$6,654 | \$4,445 | + 50 |



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

La Plata County – Colorado

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 | 19,791 | 38 | 63 | 2,260 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 7,850 | 33 | 62 | 2,000 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 11,941 | 34 | 63 | 1,922 | 3,069 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 344 | 38 | 50 | 2,227 | 2,933 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 437 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 626 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | (D) | 25 | 49 | (D) | 2,796 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | 6 | 24 | (D) | 2,659 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 1,560 | 20 | 49 | 909 | 2,703 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | 31 | 31 | 1,702 | 1,710 |
| Other crops and hay | 5,357 | 19 | 62 | 303 | 3,054 |
| Poultry and eggs | 61 | 12 | 60 | 1,595 | 3,020 |
| Cattle and calves | 8,891 | 31 | 62 | 1,288 | 3,054 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 346 | 21 | 50 | 1,736 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 21 | 31 | 56 | 1,933 | 2,922 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 1,368 | 6 | 58 | 88 | 2,998 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | (D) | 11 | 62 | (D) | 3,024 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | 16 | 24 | (D) | 1,498 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 162 | 23 | 53 | 783 | 2,875 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 34,702 | 18 | 63 | 577 | 3,060 |
| Wheat for grain, all | 2,529 | 30 | 48 | 1,265 | 2,481 |
| Oats for grain | 513 | 9 | 32 | 647 | 1,957 |
| Corn for silage | (D) | 29 | 37 | (D) | 2,263 |
| Corn for grain | 97 | 33 | 38 | 2,339 | 2,634 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 21,708 | 28 | 63 | 1,346 | 3,060 |
| Sheep and lambs | 9,341 | 8 | 57 | 116 | 2,891 |
| Horses and ponies | 5,070 | 6 | 63 | 72 | 3,066 |
| Layers | 2,515 | 10 | 59 | 1,014 | 3,024 |
| Pheasants | (D) | 3 | 28 | (D) | 1,544 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales: | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 432 | Farming | 393 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 128 | Other | 683 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 102 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 116 | Male | 873 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 119 | Female | 203 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 30 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 57.8 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 37 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 13 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 36 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 54 | Asian | 3 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 28 | Black or African American | - |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 14 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 3 | White | 1,654 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 27,168 | More than one race | 11 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 25,249 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 119 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | -2,557 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | -2,377 | | |

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.