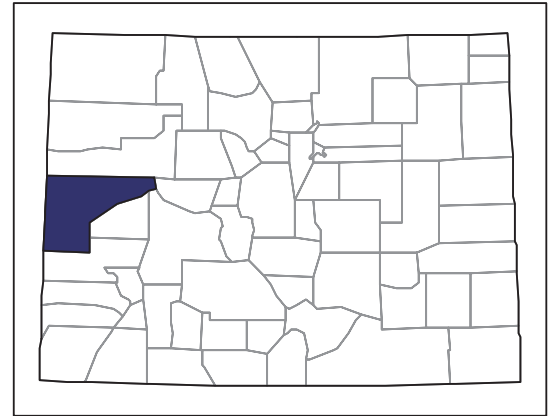


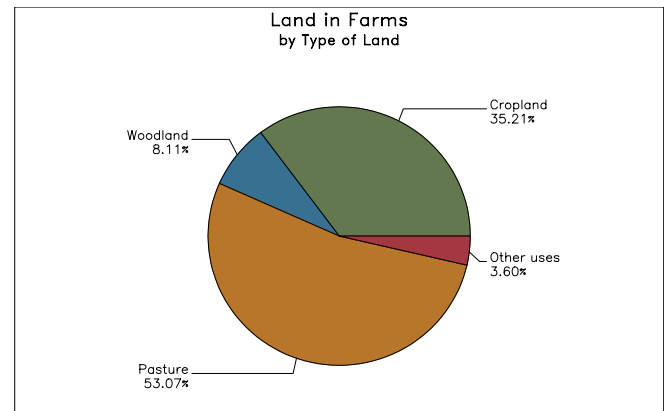
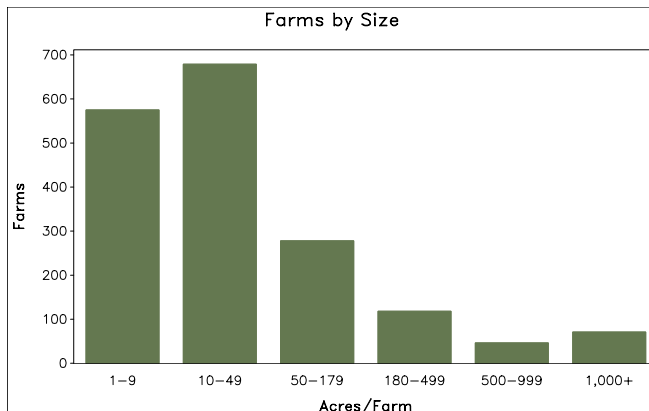
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mesa County Colorado



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,767	1,599	+ 11
Land in Farms	372,511 acres	385,255 acres	- 3
Average Size of Farm	211 acres	241 acres	- 12
Market Value of Products Sold	\$61,230,000	\$59,224,000	+ 3
Crop Sales \$30,262,000 (49 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$30,969,000 (51 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$34,652	\$37,038	- 6
Government Payments	\$476,000	\$879,000	- 46
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,401	\$4,938	- 31



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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	61,230	23	63	1,370	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	30,262	19	62	1,207	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	30,969	17	63	1,165	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,965	26	50	1,666	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	14	49	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	10,184	1	24	137	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	7,961	9	49	343	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	6	31	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	15	62	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	3	60	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	16,000	23	62	841	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	12	50	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	43	27	56	1,647	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	613	11	58	203	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	24	24	1,494	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	425	14	53	424	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	34,438	19	63	587	3,060
Corn for grain	2,701	22	38	1,604	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	2,502	31	48	1,268	2,481
Corn for silage	1,841	10	37	689	2,263
Peaches, all	1,806	1	18	21	1,833
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	2	59	(D)	3,024
Cattle and calves	34,102	20	63	929	3,060
Horses and ponies	5,375	4	63	62	3,066
Sheep and lambs	3,966	15	57	257	2,891
Goats, all	1,208	15	59	595	3,023

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	595	Farming	646
\$1,000 to \$2,499	254	Other	1,121
\$2,500 to \$4,999	213	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	208	Male	1,455
\$10,000 to \$19,999	175	Female	312
\$20,000 to \$24,999	42	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	80	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	American Indian or Alaska Native	29
\$50,000 to \$99,999	72	Asian	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	55	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	27	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
\$500,000 or more	19	White	2,793
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	65,245	More than one race	18
Average per farm (\$)	36,924	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	92
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	709		
Average per farm (\$)	401		

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.