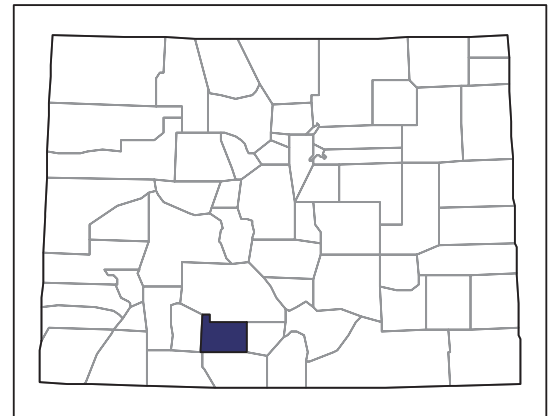


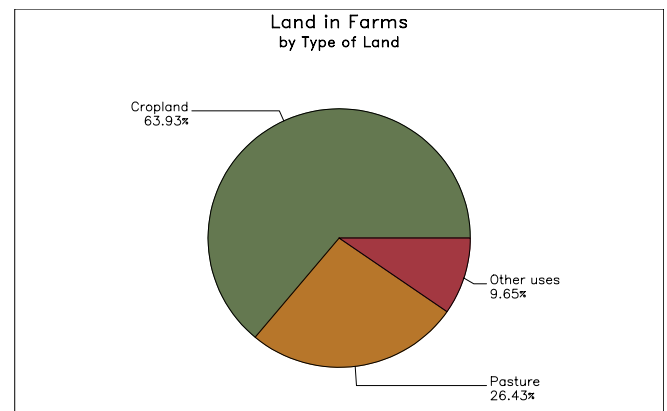
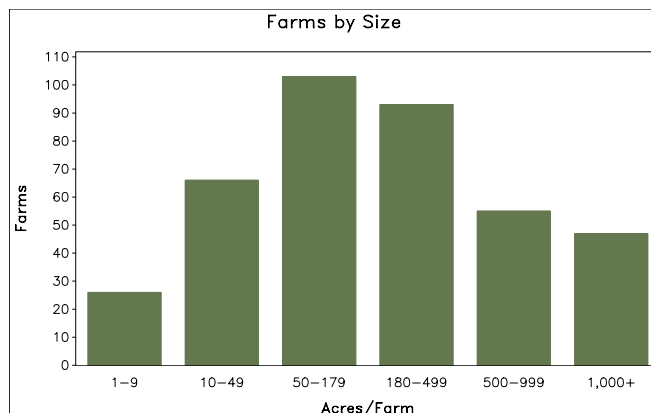
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Rio Grande County Colorado



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	390	344	+ 13
Land in Farms	178,908 acres	170,999 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	459 acres	497 acres	- 8
Market Value of Products Sold	\$85,360,000	\$74,483,000	+ 15
Crop Sales \$78,057,000 (91 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,302,000 (9 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$218,871	\$216,521	+ 1
Government Payments	\$835,000	\$626,000	+ 33
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,392	\$5,689	+ 30



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Rio Grande 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	85,360	16	63	1,038	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	78,057	9	62	535	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,302	41	63	2,239	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	10,429	15	50	1,216	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	55,538	2	49	46	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	24	-	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	25	49	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	7	62	140	3,054
Poultry and eggs	8	39	60	2,549	3,020
Cattle and calves	5,088	40	62	1,695	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	23	50	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3	48	56	2,620	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	705	10	58	178	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	132	37	62	1,469	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	13	24	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	8	53	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	47,024	9	63	326	3,060
Vegetables harvested for sale	21,712	1	48	42	2,794
Potatoes	19,537	2	30	18	2,124
Barley for grain	13,998	1	27	71	1,154
Wheat for grain, all	5,033	24	48	977	2,481
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	14,188	37	63	1,711	3,060
Sheep and lambs	10,005	7	57	109	2,891
Colonies of bees	(D)	5	40	248	2,640
Horses and ponies	1,606	24	63	797	3,066
Goats, all	878	20	59	872	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	88	Farming	237
\$1,000 to \$2,499	31	Other	153
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	Male	354
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30	Female	36
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	52	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	38	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	28	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	39	White	608
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	57,782	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	148,159	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	44
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,607		
Average per farm (\$)	78,479		

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.