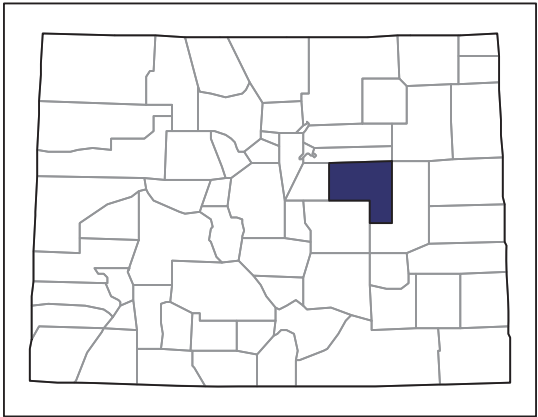


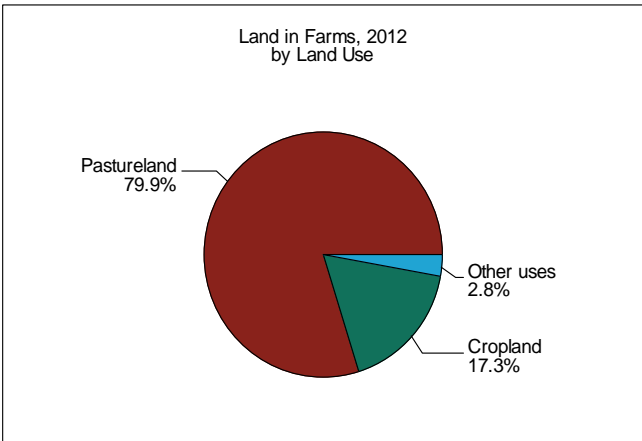
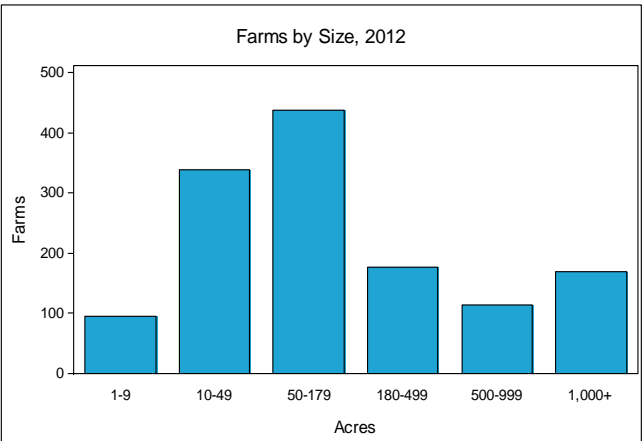
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Elbert County Colorado

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,330	1,402	- 5
Land in Farms	1,043,135 acres	1,134,199 acres	- 8
Average Size of Farm	784 acres	809 acres	- 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$44,961,000	\$40,724,000	+ 10
Crop Sales \$8,953,000 (20 percent) Livestock Sales \$36,008,000 (80 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$33,805	\$29,047	+ 16
Government Payments	\$2,328,000	\$2,488,000	- 6
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,077	\$9,569	+ 5





Elbert County – Colorado

Ranked items among the 63 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	44,961	28	63	1,850	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,953	31	63	2,156	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	36,008	19	63	1,146	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,391	25	48	1,669	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	33	47	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	37	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	392	27	51	1,468	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,119	35	62	1,291	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	30,754	16	62	516	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	16	26	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	33	25	53	1,594	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	97	37	58	1,373	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,475	6	62	152	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	25	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	3,014	2	56	68	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Wheat for grain, all	29,091	16	46	377	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	29,091	16	45	287	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,790	24	62	891	3,057
Corn for grain	4,425	20	33	1,458	2,638
Sunflower seed, all	2,466	9	22	116	565
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	37,931	16	63	744	3,063
Layers	4,120	8	59	882	3,040
Horses and ponies	4,108	8	63	102	3,072
Chukars	(D)	1	15	(D)	338
Alpacas	1,986	1	44	2	1,691

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	585	Farming	562
\$1,000 to \$2,499	96	Other	768
\$2,500 to \$4,999	131		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	133	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	115	Male	1,048
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Female	282
\$25,000 to \$39,999	60		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	54	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	40	American Indian or Alaska Native	24
\$500,000 or more	14	Asian	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	55,686	Black or African American	5
Average per farm (\$)	41,869	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	12
		White	2,157
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,111	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	-1,587	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	55

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.