

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Delta, Colorado

Number of farms

1,063 farms in 2002, 1,100 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

262,443 acres in 2002, 265,593 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

247 acres in 2002, 241 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$39,077,000 in 2002, \$38,312,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$14,413,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$24,664,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

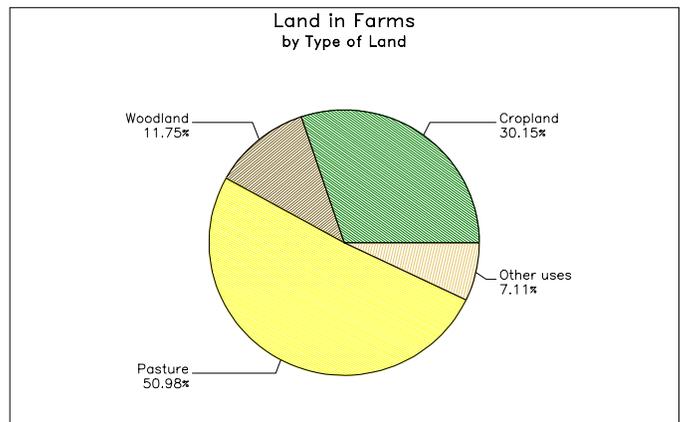
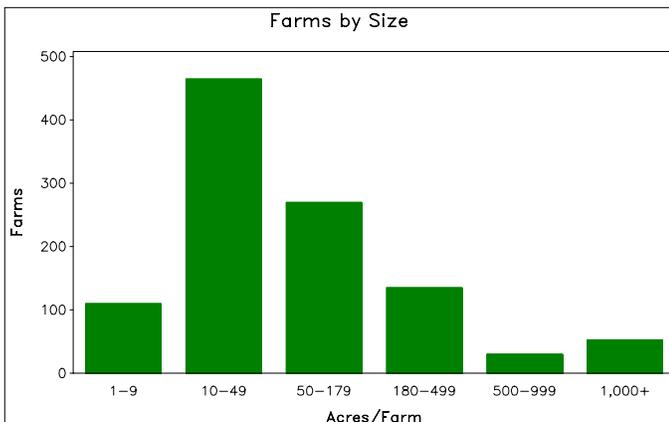
\$36,761 in 2002, \$34,829 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$847,000 in 2002, \$392,000 in 1997, up 116 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,803 in 2002, \$4,606 in 1997, up 26 percent.



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Ranked items among the 63 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	39,077	22	62	1,459	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,413	22	62	1,412	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	24,664	18	62	1,117	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,247	16	42	502	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	5,333	2	28	143	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,810	20	61	444	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	15,638	21	60	673	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,486	8	40	772	2,493
Hogs and pigs	60	26	56	1,636	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	788	5	57	121	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	605	10	61	285	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	495	9	52	276	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	30,150	21	61	1,055	3,059
Sheep and lambs	15,927	5	55	79	2,867
Pheasants	11,843	2	33	41	1,541
Horses and ponies	4,077	8	63	99	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,337	10	57	1,191	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,775	20	61	901	3,059
Corn for grain	2,887	18	28	1,456	2,592
Corn for silage	1,404	18	37	933	2,307
Apples	1,383	1	28	48	2,173
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	1,368	11	22	148	571

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	274
\$1,000 to \$2,499	130
\$2,500 to \$4,999	168
\$5,000 to \$9,999	107
\$10,000 to \$19,999	133
\$20,000 to \$24,999	33
\$25,000 to \$39,999	64
\$40,000 to \$49,999	31
\$50,000 to \$99,999	57
\$100,000 to \$249,999	44
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	36,867
Average per farm (\$)	34,682
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,191
Average per farm (\$)	3,002

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	624
Other	439
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	886
Female	177
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,650
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	11
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	-
More than one race	9
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	53

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.