

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Jefferson, Colorado

### Number of farms

457 farms in 2002, 442 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Land in farms

90,366 acres in 2002, 99,823 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Average size of farm

198 acres in 2002, 226 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$20,498,000 in 2002, \$19,600,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$18,502,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,996,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

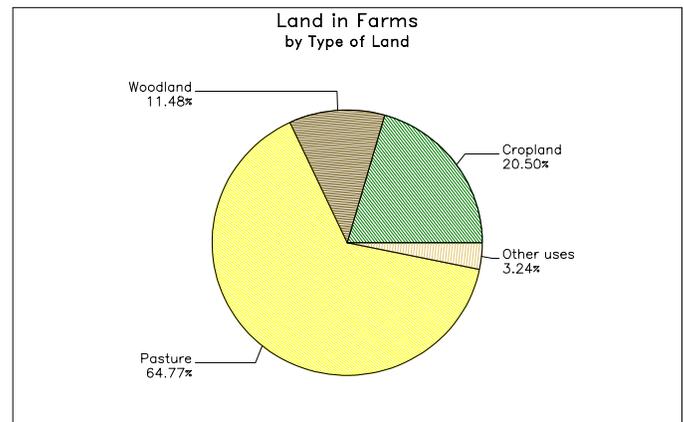
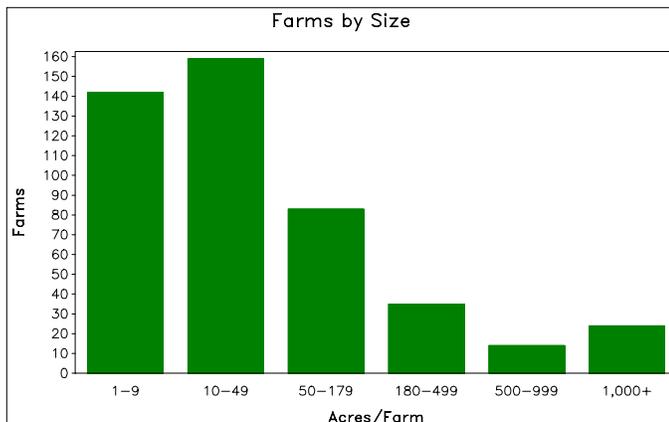
\$44,854 in 2002, \$44,344 in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Government Payments

\$70,000 in 2002, \$109,000 in 1997, down 36 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,908 in 2002, \$7,291 in 1997, down 46 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	20,498	33	62	2,074	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,502	18	62	1,231	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,996	52	62	2,707	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
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	34	25	42	2,164	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	18,341	3	49	154	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	62	2	24	571	1,774
Other crops and hay	44	55	61	2,919	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	27	53	2,253	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,305	53	60	2,432	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	40	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	14	38	56	2,180	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	21	40	57	1,886	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	515	12	61	375	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	138	26	52	736	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,788	53	61	2,731	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,557	16	63	304	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	647	20	57	1,708	2,983
Llamas	490	6	51	46	2,112
Sheep and lambs	217	44	55	1,931	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,651	55	61	2,786	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	1,097	4	28	78	1,877
Short-rotation woody crops	574	2	28	98	1,262
Nursery stock	(D)	3	34	(D)	2,129
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	(D)	20	22	(D)	571

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	172
\$1,000 to \$2,499	102
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46
\$5,000 to \$9,999	56
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3
\$500,000 or more	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,002
Average per farm (\$)	59,085
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,568
Average per farm (\$)	14,372

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	211
Other	246
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	325
Female	132
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	727
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	7
More than one race	5
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.