

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Saguache, Colorado

### Number of farms

252 farms in 2002, 253 farms in 1997, down slightly.

### Land in farms

477,003 acres in 2002, 472,222 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,893 acres in 2002, 1,866 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$81,852,000 in 2002, \$49,642,000 in 1997, up 65 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$71,022,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,831,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

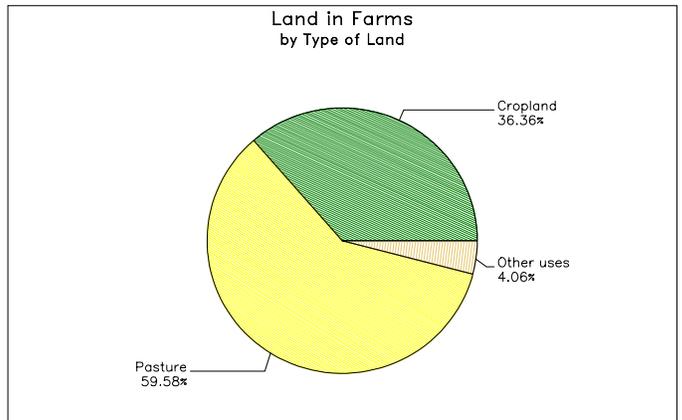
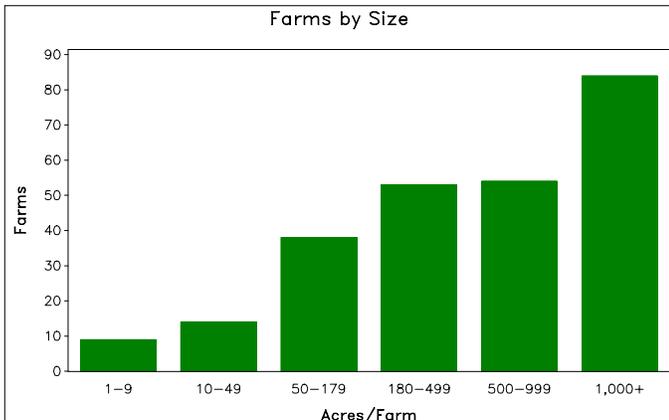
\$324,810 in 2002, \$196,215 in 1997, up 66 percent.

### Government Payments

\$877,000 in 2002, \$709,000 in 1997, up 24 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,694 in 2002, \$9,577 in 1997, up 12 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                               | 81,852   | 13         | 62                    | 681       | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 71,022   | 5          | 62                    | 283       | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 10,831   | 34         | 62                    | 1,816     | 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                        | 53,103   | 3          | 42                    | 46        | 2,747                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | (D)      | (D)        | 28                    | (D)       | 2,638                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                              | (D)      | (D)        | 49                    | (D)       | 2,708                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                      | -        | -          | 24                    | -         | 1,774                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 10,296   | 5          | 61                    | 136       | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | (D)      | (D)        | 53                    | (D)       | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 10,260   | 28         | 60                    | 976       | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | 58       | 26         | 40                    | 2,229     | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 59       | 27         | 56                    | 1,643     | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | 156      | 23         | 57                    | 556       | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 129      | 36         | 61                    | 1,533     | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | (D)      | (D)        | 27                    | (D)       | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | (D)      | (D)        | 52                    | (D)       | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cattle and calves   | 26,766   | 23         | 61                    | 1,161     | 3,059                 |
| Sheep and lambs   | 2,131    | 21         | 55                    | 529       | 2,867                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 1,041    | 19         | 53                    | 1,333     | 2,926                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 991      | 37         | 63                    | 1,295     | 3,065                 |
| Colonies of bees  | 605      | 10         | 40                    | 566       | 2,392                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 44,448   | 4          | 61                    | 396       | 3,059                 |
| Potatoes  | 18,856   | 3          | 22                    | 20        | 1,551                 |
| Barley  | 13,773   | 4          | 22                    | 83        | 1,246                 |
| All Wheat for grain   | 7,086    | 19         | 41                    | 774       | 2,517                 |
| All Vegetables harvested  | 2,600    | 5          | 40                    | 232       | 2,710                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 37       |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 11       |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 17       |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 19       |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 17       |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 5        |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 17       |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 2        |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 24       |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 43       |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 21       |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 39       |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 60,308   |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 239,317  |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 24,040   |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 95,396   |

| Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Farming   | 194      |
| Other   | 58       |
| Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| Male  | 221      |
| Female  | 31       |
| Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 54.1     |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| White   | 394      |
| Black or African American   | -        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 3        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| Asian   | -        |
| More than one race  | -        |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 33       |

(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.