

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Elbert, Colorado

Number of farms

1,153 farms in 2002, 923 farms in 1997, up 25 percent.

Land in farms

1,068,359 acres in 2002, 1,102,911 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

927 acres in 2002, 1,195 acres in 1997, down 22 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$27,873,000 in 2002, \$31,815,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,107,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$22,766,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

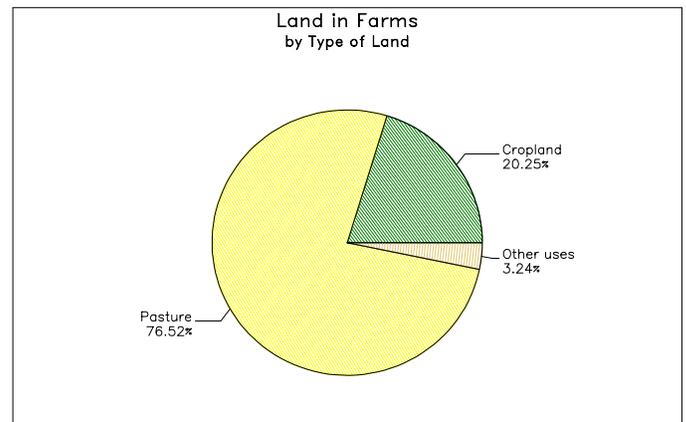
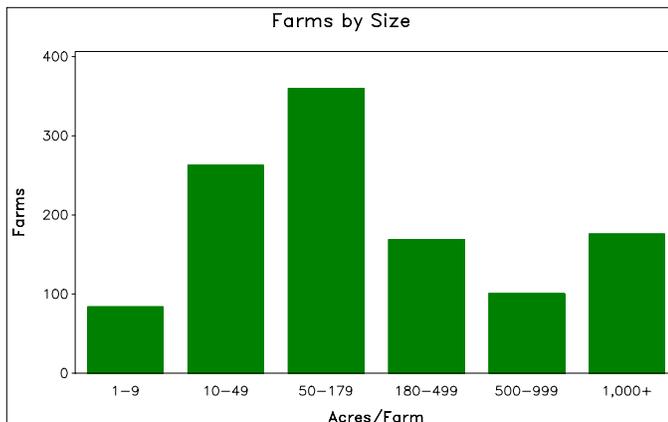
\$24,174 in 2002, \$34,470 in 1997, down 30 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,062,000 in 2002, \$2,397,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,149 in 2002, \$11,304 in 1997, down 28 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	27,873	26	62	1,784	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,107	32	62	2,065	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	22,766	21	62	1,187	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,154	23	44	1,533	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	42	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	26	12	28	1,849	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	74	1	24	515	1,774
Other crops and hay	779	33	61	1,494	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	19,134	19	60	543	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	377	18	40	1,772	2,493
Hogs and pigs	33	31	56	1,844	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	143	25	57	600	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1,177	3	52	95	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	41,158	16	61	746	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	5	57	(D)	2,983
Horses and ponies	4,240	7	63	90	3,065
Sheep and lambs	1,744	23	55	628	2,867
Bison	1,533	2	45	29	1,321
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	20,889	16	41	447	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,075	29	61	1,146	3,059
Sunflower seed	5,892	6	19	72	746
Proso millet	1,881	10	15	26	177
All Vegetables harvested	(D)	11	40	(D)	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	379
\$1,000 to \$2,499	167
\$2,500 to \$4,999	138
\$5,000 to \$9,999	127
\$10,000 to \$19,999	124
\$20,000 to \$24,999	33
\$25,000 to \$39,999	61
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16
\$50,000 to \$99,999	52
\$100,000 to \$249,999	33
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16
\$500,000 or more	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	31,961
Average per farm (\$)	27,792
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	108
Average per farm (\$)	94

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	624
Other	529
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	898
Female	255
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,886
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	14
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7
Asian	1
More than one race	11
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	29

(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.