

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Kit Carson, Colorado

Number of farms

678 farms in 2002, 753 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

1,247,181 acres in 2002, 1,360,192 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

1,840 acres in 2002, 1,806 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$205,554,000 in 2002, \$180,545,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$40,362,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$165,192,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

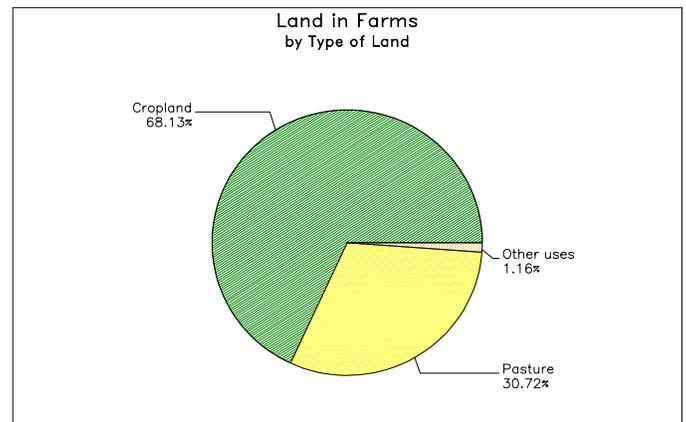
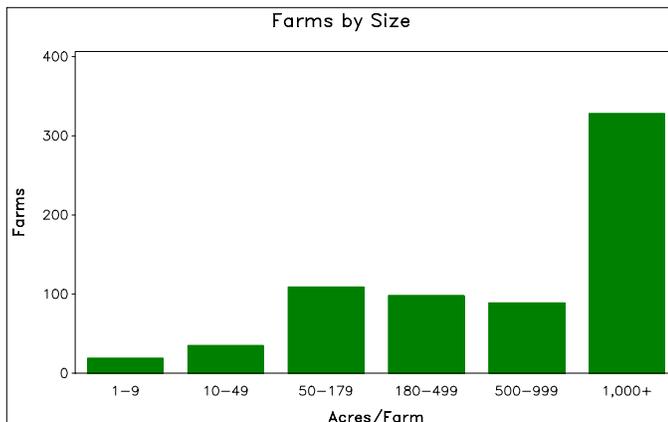
\$303,177 in 2002, \$239,768 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Government Payments

\$11,056,000 in 2002, \$11,945,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$21,679 in 2002, \$19,975 in 1997, up 9 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	205,554	5	62	141	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	40,362	9	62	627	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	165,192	5	62	90	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	37,629	4	44	371	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	-	-	28	-	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	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	19	42	57	1,948	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	61	45	61	2,223	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	131,261	5	61	73	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	5	53	(D)	2,926
Pheasants	(D)	5	33	(D)	1,541
Quail	(D)	4	21	(D)	1,412
Horses and ponies	622	46	63	1,900	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	176,472	3	41	52	2,517
Corn for grain	91,244	2	28	245	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,877	30	61	1,158	3,059
Corn for silage	11,488	4	37	128	2,307
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	10,761	3	22	37	571

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	192	Farming	476
\$1,000 to \$2,499	21	Other	202
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	46	Male	602
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	76
\$25,000 to \$39,999	37		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	31	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	76		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	122	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	39	White	987
\$500,000 or more	42	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	217,385	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	320,626	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,392	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	5,004	All operators ² 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.

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.