

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Otero, Colorado

Number of farms

488 farms in 2002, 540 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

546,396 acres in 2002, 575,797 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

1,120 acres in 2002, 1,066 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$105,991,000 in 2002, \$99,940,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,615,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$94,375,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

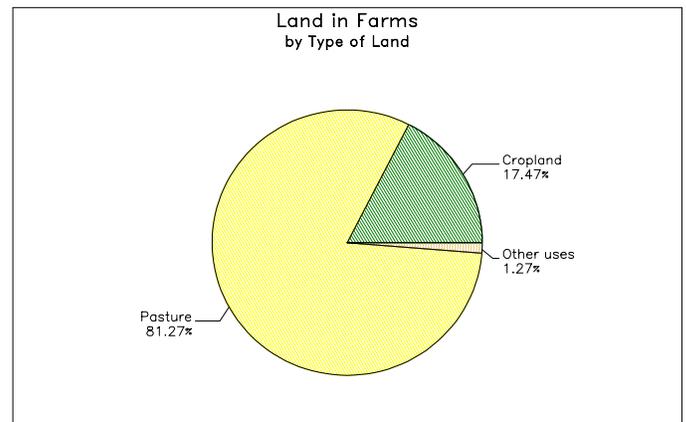
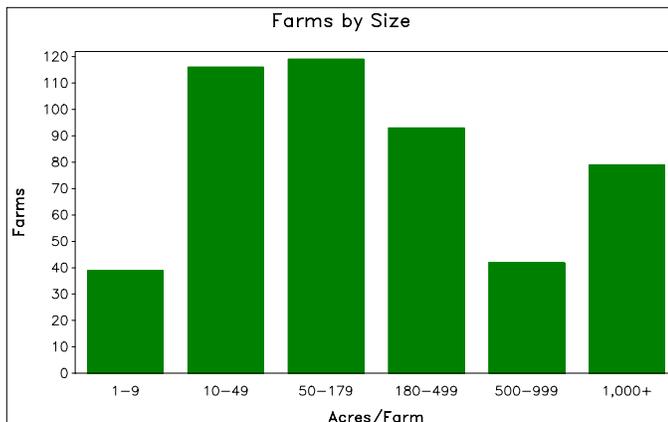
\$217,194 in 2002, \$185,075 in 1997, up 17 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,771,000 in 2002, \$831,000 in 1997, up 113 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,125 in 2002, \$3,845 in 1997, up 111 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	105,991	7	62	459	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,615	27	62	1,552	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	94,375	7	62	222	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,136	24	44	1,539	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,162	11	42	305	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	4,285	15	61	285	3,046
Poultry and eggs	11	20	53	1,966	2,918
Cattle and calves	93,599	7	60	66	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	49	29	56	1,706	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	213	17	57	422	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	189	29	61	1,156	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	67,283	7	61	333	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,901	15	55	385	2,867
Colonies of bees	(D)	4	40	(D)	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,247	27	63	988	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	907	13	57	1,465	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,527	23	61	996	3,059
Corn for grain	4,088	16	28	1,354	2,592
All Wheat for grain	2,531	26	41	1,194	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	1,977	7	40	283	2,710
Corn for silage	1,653	14	37	855	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	99
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27
\$2,500 to \$4,999	45
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45
\$10,000 to \$19,999	69
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22
\$25,000 to \$39,999	32
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60
\$100,000 to \$249,999	37
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21
\$500,000 or more	18
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	106,247
Average per farm (\$)	216,831
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,935
Average per farm (\$)	5,991

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	286
Other	202
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	447
Female	41
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	737
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	11
More than one race	3
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	61

(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.