

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Rio Grande, Colorado

Number of farms

344 farms in 2002, 355 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

170,999 acres in 2002, 225,919 acres in 1997, down 24 percent.

Average size of farm

497 acres in 2002, 636 acres in 1997, down 22 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$74,483,000 in 2002, \$72,193,000 in 1997, up 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$68,833,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,650,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

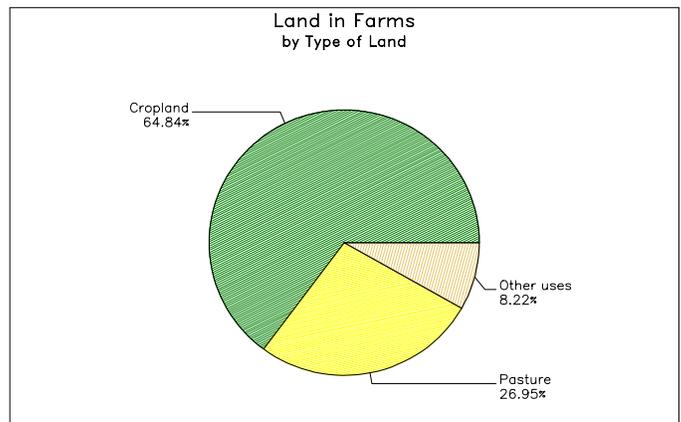
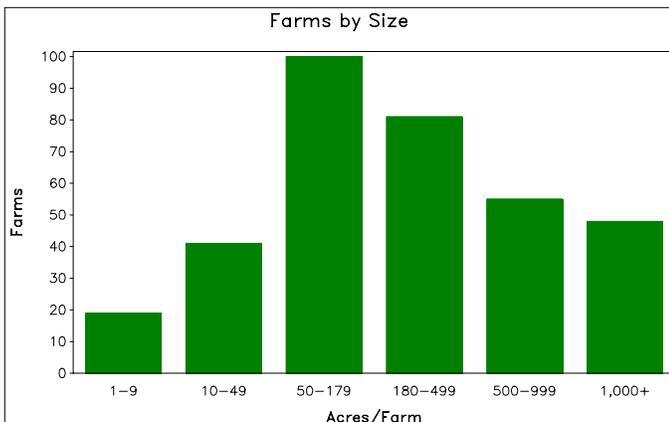
\$216,521 in 2002, \$203,360 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$626,000 in 2002, \$929,000 in 1997, down 33 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,689 in 2002, \$7,088 in 1997, down 20 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	74,483	14	62	745	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	68,833	6	62	295	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,650	42	62	2,276	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
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	54,111	2	42	45	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	8,156	8	61	172	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	39	53	2,492	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,290	39	60	1,641	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	48	56	2,601	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	640	7	57	143	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	364	14	52	376	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	11,907	36	61	1,911	3,059
Sheep and lambs	8,604	8	55	138	2,867
Colonies of bees	(D)	2	40	(D)	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,283	26	63	957	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	466	26	57	1,948	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,511	12	61	583	3,059
Potatoes	22,326	2	22	17	1,551
Barley	16,783	1	22	70	1,246
All Vegetables harvested	(D)	4	40	(D)	2,710
All Wheat for grain	2,648	25	41	1,177	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	64	Farming	238
\$1,000 to \$2,499	20	Other	106
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29	Male	313
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	31
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	32	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	White	519
\$500,000 or more	40	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	53,789	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Average per farm (\$)	155,013	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,647	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	73,912	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.