

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Weld, Colorado

### Number of farms

3,121 farms in 2002, 3,142 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Land in farms

1,812,167 acres in 2002, 1,891,208 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

581 acres in 2002, 602 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$1,127,854,000 in 2002, \$1,289,479,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$204,859,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$922,995,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

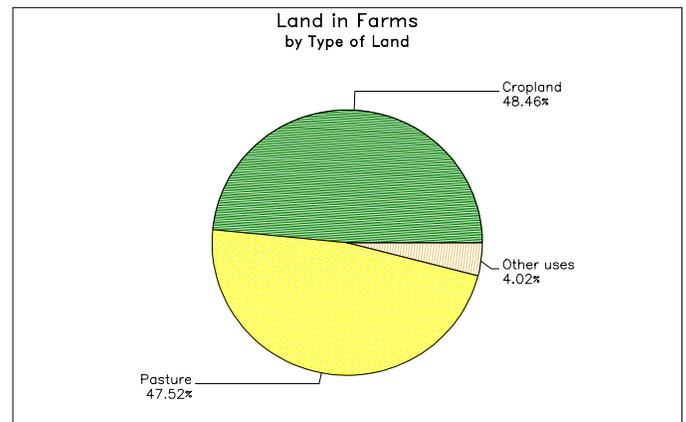
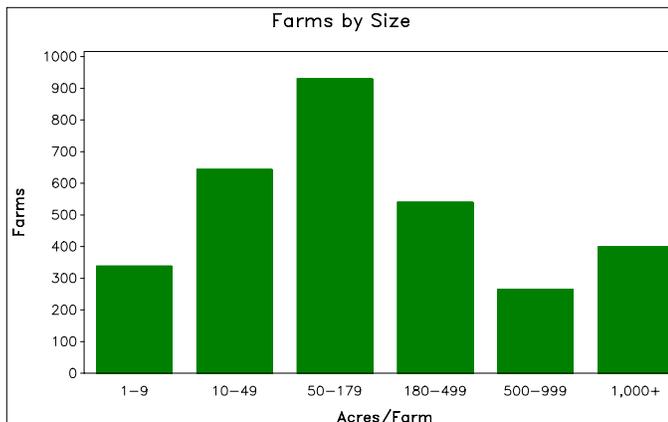
\$361,376 in 2002, \$410,401 in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Government Payments

\$13,111,000 in 2002, \$10,554,000 in 1997, up 24 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,168 in 2002, \$10,672 in 1997, up 5 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	1,127,854	1	62	8	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	204,859	1	62	44	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	922,995	1	62	2	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	55,894	2	44	183	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	40,009	4	42	59	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	74,887	1	49	32	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	34,047	1	61	36	3,046
Poultry and eggs	87,404	1	53	66	2,918
Cattle and calves	647,971	1	60	2	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	126,946	1	40	22	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,131	11	56	846	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	55,205	1	57	1	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,798	1	61	36	3,014
Aquaculture	202	12	27	432	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1,338	2	52	79	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,933,480	1	57	13	2,983
Turkeys	(D)	1	44	(D)	2,328
Cattle and calves	547,953	1	61	2	3,059
Sheep and lambs	133,857	1	55	2	2,867
Horses and ponies	9,045	1	63	11	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	128,421	1	61	22	3,059
All Wheat for grain	91,451	8	41	143	2,517
Corn for grain	74,904	4	28	324	2,592
Corn for silage	52,311	1	37	4	2,307
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	19,924	1	22	19	571

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	718	Farming	1,804
\$1,000 to \$2,499	356	Other	1,317
\$2,500 to \$4,999	280	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	280	Male	2,684
\$10,000 to \$19,999	280	Female	437
\$20,000 to \$24,999	88	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	230	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	94	White	4,839
\$50,000 to \$99,999	255	Black or African American	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	237	American Indian or Alaska Native	30
\$250,000 to \$499,999	102	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5
\$500,000 or more	201	Asian	31
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,086,020	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	347,972	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	123
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	67,959		
Average per farm (\$)	21,775		

(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.