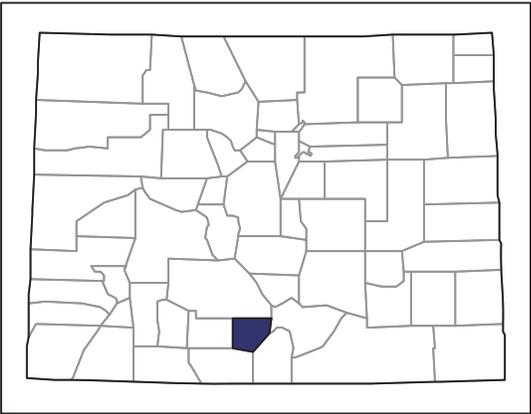


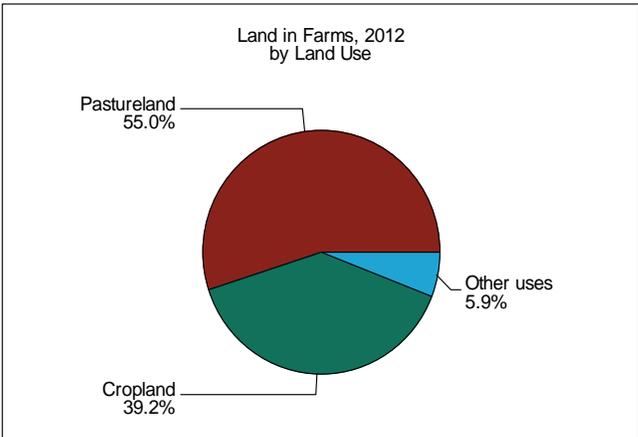
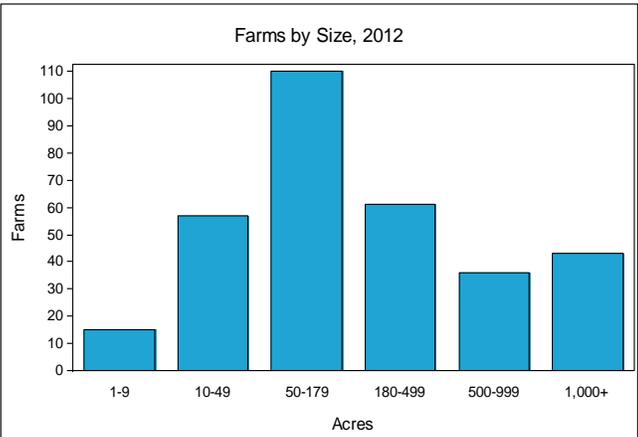
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Alamosa County Colorado

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	322	316	+ 2
Land in Farms	182,420 acres	176,629 acres	+ 3
Average Size of Farm	567 acres	559 acres	+ 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$92,528,000	\$91,413,000	+ 1
Crop Sales \$80,984,000 (88 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$11,544,000 (12 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$287,353	\$289,281	- 1
Government Payments	\$821,000	\$684,000	+ 20
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,548	\$8,144	+ 5





Alamosa County – Colorado

Ranked items among the 63 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	92,528	19	63	1,236	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	80,984	11	63	795	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	11,544	38	63	2,004	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	19	48	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	51,216	3	47	63	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	37	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	8	51	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	12	62	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	24	24	58	1,969	3,013
Cattle and calves	10,134	36	62	1,299	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	26	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	61	19	53	1,385	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	45	54	62	2,334	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	18	25	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	7	56	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,984	26	62	921	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	15,284	3	47	59	2,801
Potatoes	15,278	2	37	20	2,354
Barley for grain	8,007	3	21	100	1,158
Wheat for grain, all	2,314	29	46	1,298	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	11,533	41	63	1,817	3,063
Sheep and lambs	2,287	16	59	400	2,897
Bison	(D)	2	34	(D)	1,126
Layers	1,014	25	59	1,860	3,040
Horses and ponies	748	41	63	1,587	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	119	Farming	165
\$1,000 to \$2,499	30	Other	157
\$2,500 to \$4,999	12	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	13	Male	287
\$10,000 to \$19,999	16	Female	35
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	27	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	37	White	477
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	75,123	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	233,301	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	77
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	22,361		
Average per farm (\$)	69,445		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.