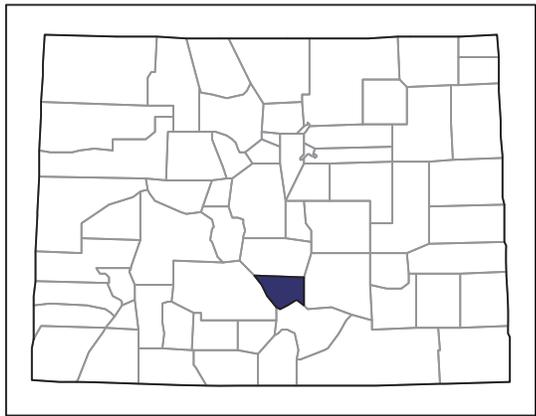


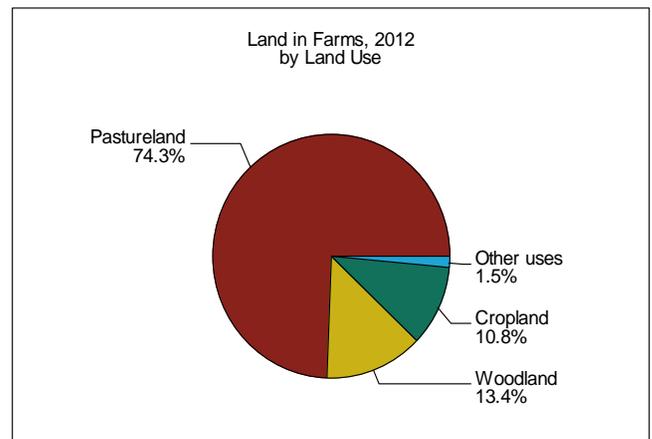
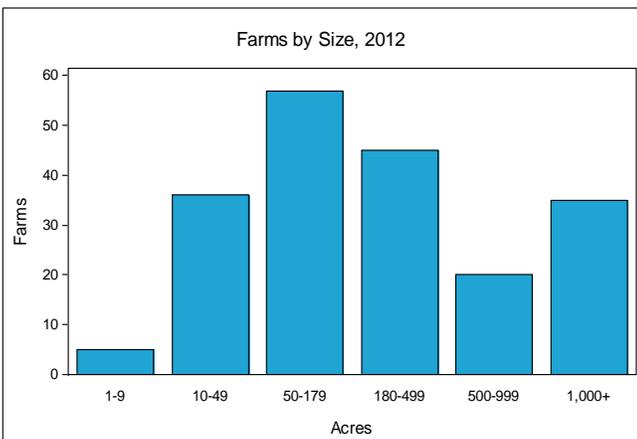
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Custer County Colorado

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	198	226	- 12
Land in Farms	188,748 acres	137,799 acres	+ 37
Average Size of Farm	953 acres	610 acres	+ 56
Market Value of Products Sold	\$8,193,000	\$8,424,000	- 3
Crop Sales \$2,229,000 (27 percent) Livestock Sales \$5,965,000 (73 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$41,381	\$37,274	+ 11
Government Payments	\$301,000	\$94,000	+ 220
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,407	\$4,274	+ 50





Custer 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	8,193	49	63	2,741	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,229	45	63	2,691	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,965	47	63	2,399	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	48	-	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	47	-	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	37	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	46	51	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	10	20	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,216	34	62	1,249	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	53	58	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	5,791	43	62	1,710	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	26	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	51	53	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	7	53	58	2,765	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	73	48	62	2,058	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	21	25	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	89	31	56	1,161	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,155	30	62	1,242	3,057
Nursery stock crops	100	13	39	557	2,077
Cut Christmas trees	60	5	21	549	1,557
Short-rotation woody crops	(D)	4	9	(D)	793
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	9,355	43	63	1,983	3,063
Horses and ponies	857	36	63	1,393	3,072
Layers	306	47	59	2,615	3,040
Alpacas	276	13	44	103	1,691
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	128	31	49	1,918	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	75	Farming	93
\$1,000 to \$2,499	12	Other	105
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18	Male	149
\$10,000 to \$19,999	11	Female	49
\$20,000 to \$24,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	White	299
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,217	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	46,549	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	318		
Average per farm (\$)	1,605		

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.