

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Alamosa, Colorado

Number of farms

318 farms in 2002, 312 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

Land in farms

204,640 acres in 2002, 179,963 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

Average size of farm

644 acres in 2002, 577 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$94,451,000 in 2002, \$56,322,000 in 1997, up 68 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$88,474,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,978,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

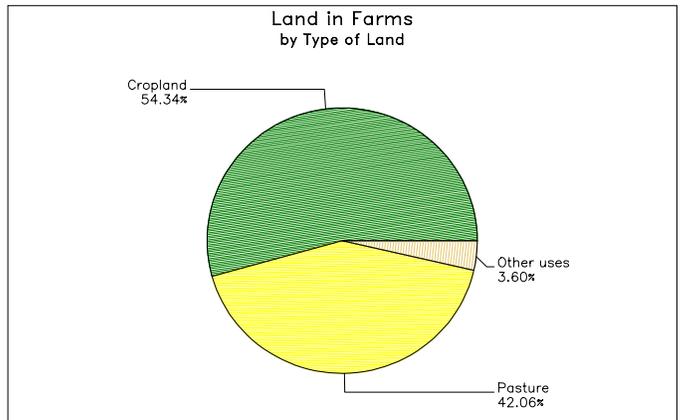
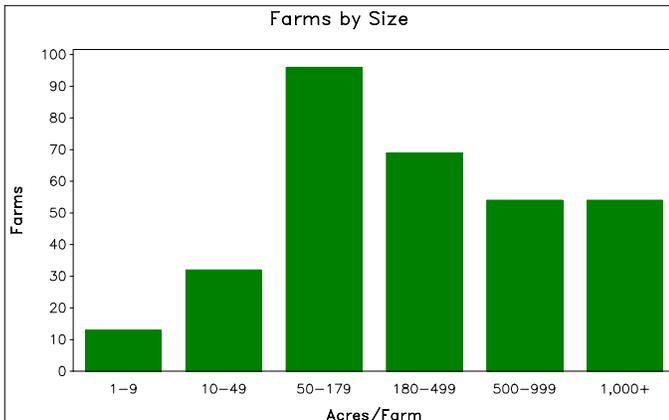
\$297,017 in 2002, \$180,518 in 1997, up 65 percent.

Government Payments

\$535,000 in 2002, \$537,000 in 1997, down slightly.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,074 in 2002, \$5,771 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 ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	94,451	10	62	567	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	88,474	3	62	162	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,978	41	62	2,235	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	58,549	1	42	41	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	9,334	6	61	145	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3	34	53	2,401	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,864	37	60	1,537	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	67	25	56	1,603	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	205	27	61	1,092	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	430	12	52	326	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	10,983	40	61	1,970	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,563	24	55	690	2,867
Bison	(D)	3	45	(D)	1,321
Horses and ponies	1,087	32	63	1,169	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	449	30	57	1,985	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,239	13	61	586	3,059
Potatoes	24,941	1	22	14	1,551
Barley	16,538	2	22	71	1,246
All Wheat for grain	2,057	28	41	1,289	2,517
Oats	380	7	28	985	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	54
\$1,000 to \$2,499	21
\$2,500 to \$4,999	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32
\$10,000 to \$19,999	38
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17
\$500,000 or more	44
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	62,157
Average per farm (\$)	196,698
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	33,426
Average per farm (\$)	105,779

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	215
Other	103
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	294
Female	24
Average age of principal operator (years)	51.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	513
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	17
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	87

(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.