

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Chaffee, Colorado

### Number of farms

212 farms in 2002, 203 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Land in farms

71,188 acres in 2002, 85,046 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

### Average size of farm

336 acres in 2002, 419 acres in 1997, down 20 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$8,536,000 in 2002, \$5,086,000 in 1997, up 68 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,195,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,342,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

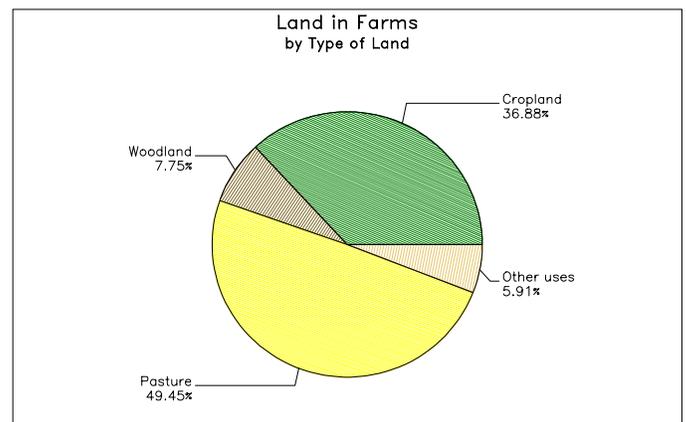
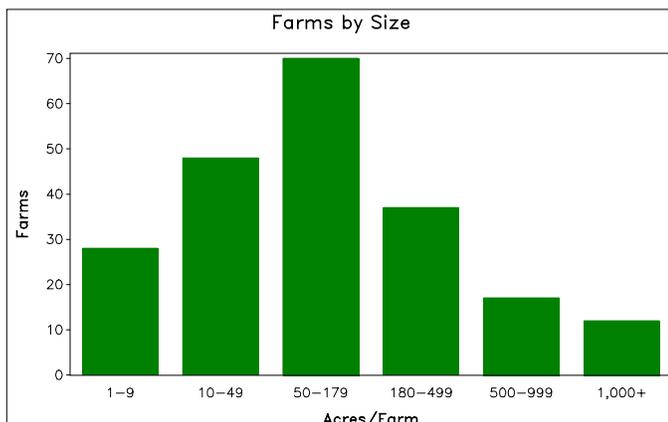
\$40,266 in 2002, \$25,054 in 1997, up 61 percent.

### Government Payments

\$64,000 in 2002, \$44,000 in 1997, up 45 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,021 in 2002, \$5,501 in 1997, down 27 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	8,536	44	62	2,575	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,195	37	62	2,475	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,342	39	62	2,193	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	44	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	42	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	28	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,815	16	49	840	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	26	53	2,246	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,492	50	60	2,021	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	10	48	57	2,284	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	114	38	61	1,649	3,014
Aquaculture	3,455	3	27	67	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,590	47	61	2,366	3,059
Horses and ponies	784	40	63	1,589	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	549	24	57	1,826	2,983
Sheep and lambs	181	45	55	2,010	2,867
Llamas	150	21	51	227	2,112
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,680	39	61	1,993	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	(D)	1	28	(D)	1,262
Nursery stock	(D)	22	34	(D)	2,129
Cut Christmas trees <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	1,877
Floriculture crops <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	25	(D)	1,801

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	75	Farming	130
\$1,000 to \$2,499	34	Other	82
\$2,500 to \$4,999	23	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	13	Male	163
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15	Female	49
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	White	347
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	5	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,115	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	42,793	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-125		
Average per farm (\$)	-586		

(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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.