

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Costilla, Colorado

Number of farms

205 farms in 2002, 166 farms in 1997, up 23 percent.

Land in farms

354,067 acres in 2002, 355,789 acres in 1997, down slightly.

Average size of farm

1,727 acres in 2002, 2,143 acres in 1997, down 19 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$26,245,000 in 2002, \$15,452,000 in 1997, up 70 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$22,598,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,647,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

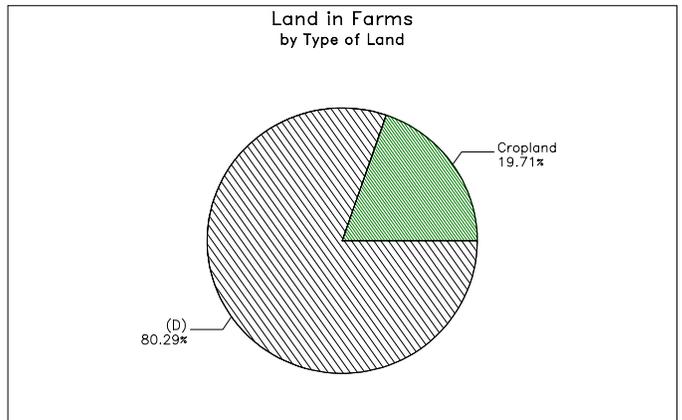
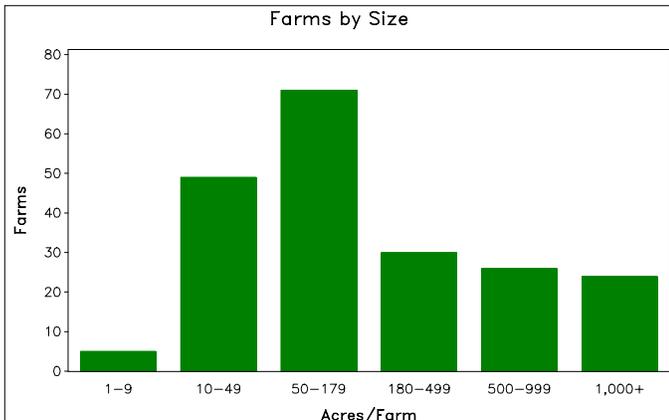
\$128,025 in 2002, \$93,084 in 1997, up 38 percent.

Government Payments

\$214,000 in 2002, \$190,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,343 in 2002, \$4,990 in 1997, down 33 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	26,245	27	62	1,842	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	22,598	15	62	1,076	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,647	47	62	2,494	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	12,960	6	42	138	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	7,419	9	61	184	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	53	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,465	43	60	1,802	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	44	29	40	2,269	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6	43	56	2,481	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	52	31	57	1,228	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	80	44	61	1,973	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	52	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	8,903	41	61	2,149	3,059
Sheep and lambs	942	29	55	1,024	2,867
Horses and ponies	524	49	63	2,103	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	117	47	57	2,673	2,983
All Goats	80	42	53	2,382	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,406	22	61	957	3,059
Potatoes	4,894	4	22	54	1,551
Barley	3,535	6	22	170	1,246
All Wheat for grain	(D)	29	41	(D)	2,517
Oats	848	2	28	592	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	53
\$1,000 to \$2,499	13
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,846
Average per farm (\$)	87,056
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,119
Average per farm (\$)	49,361

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	128
Other	77
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	179
Female	26
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	279
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	5
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	211

(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.