

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Montrose, Colorado

Number of farms

915 farms in 2002, 905 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

334,747 acres in 2002, 359,601 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Average size of farm

366 acres in 2002, 397 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$57,991,000 in 2002, \$88,257,000 in 1997, down 34 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$21,039,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$36,952,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

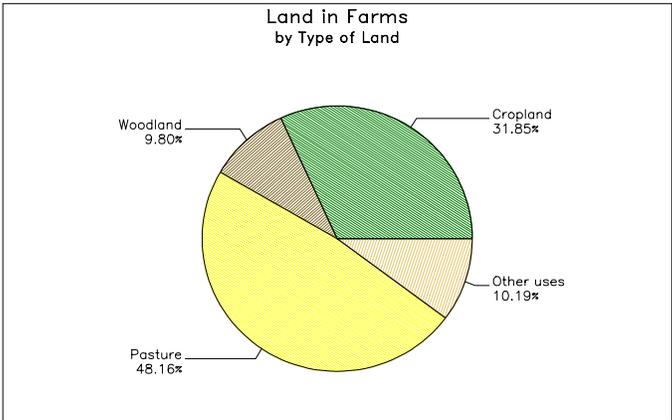
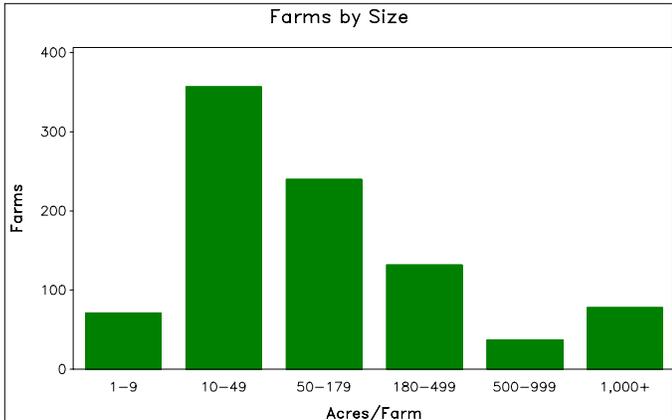
\$63,378 in 2002, \$97,522 in 1997, down 35 percent.

Government Payments

\$986,000 in 2002, \$691,000 in 1997, up 43 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,974 in 2002, \$5,570 in 1997, up 7 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	57,991	18	62	989	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	21,039	17	62	1,134	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	36,952	15	62	789	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,698	17	44	1,191	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,379	8	42	225	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	473	3	28	548	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	25	7	24	892	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	16,998	20	60	621	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	320	17	56	1,132	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,258	4	57	76	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	359	17	61	595	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	925	4	52	139	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	3	57	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	48,435	11	61	598	3,059
Sheep and lambs	18,366	4	55	65	2,867
Horses and ponies	2,929	13	63	223	3,065
Elk	2,356	1	27	1	783
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,748	11	61	579	3,059
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	7,063	4	22	54	571
Corn for grain	6,172	13	28	1,200	2,592
Corn for silage	4,872	8	37	376	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	3,876	3	40	172	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	204
\$1,000 to \$2,499	124
\$2,500 to \$4,999	94
\$5,000 to \$9,999	114
\$10,000 to \$19,999	95
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35
\$25,000 to \$39,999	54
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27
\$50,000 to \$99,999	71
\$100,000 to \$249,999	54
\$250,000 to \$499,999	28
\$500,000 or more	15
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	46,368
Average per farm (\$)	50,731
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,237
Average per farm (\$)	16,671

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	532
Other	383
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	829
Female	86
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,389
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	12
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	12
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	66

(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.