

**COLORADO**  
**AGRICULTURE**  
*A PROFILE*



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## COLORADO AGRICULTURE 1/

Total Land Area	66,300,000 Acres
Number of Farms & Ranches	31,369
Land in Farms & Ranches	31,093,336 Acres
Avg. Size of Farm & Ranch	991 Acres
Total number of operators:	49,102
Total women operators:	16,835

**Principal operator by days of work off farm:**

None	13,568	43.3 %
Any	17,801	56.7 %
200 days or more	12,081	38.5 %

**Average Age of Principal Operator: 54.5**

**OPERATIONS BY TYPE**

87% Individual	98.3% White
6.7% Partnership	65.7% Male
5.2% Corporate	34.3% Female
1.1% Other	

**OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS**

**OPERATIONS BY SIZE**

Acres	Number of Farms Number	Percent of Total * Percent
1 - 9 acres	2,813	9.0
10 - 49 acres	7,475	23.8
50 - 179 acres	6,956	22.2
180 - 499 acres	5,015	16.0
500 - 999 acres	2,998	9.6
1,000 - 1,999 acres	2,492	7.9
2,000 or more acres	3,620	11.5
All Operations	31,369	100.0

**OPERATIONS BY VALUE OF SALES - 2002**

Sales Class	Number of Farms Number	Percent of Total * Percent
Less than \$2,500	13,016	41.5
\$2,500 - \$4,999	2,979	9.5
\$5,000 - \$9,999	2,967	9.5
\$10,000 - \$24,999	3,778	12.0
\$25,000 - \$49,999	2,520	8.0
\$50,000 - \$99,999	2,179	6.9
\$100,000 - \$499,999	2,931	9.3
\$500,000 or more	999	3.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,369</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Total may not add due to rounding.  
1/ All data is from the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

## NATIONAL RANKING of COLORADO PRODUCTS

Proso Millet	.1st
Carrots	3rd
Sheep and Lambs, Market	3rd
Potatoes, Summer	3rd
Summer Lettuce	3rd
Cattle on Feed	4th
Fed Cattle Marketings	4th
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	4th
Dry Summer Storage Onions	5th
Potatoes, All	5th
Potatoes, Fall	5th
Sheep and Lambs, All	5th
Spinach	5th
Sunflowers, All	5th
Sunflowers, Oil	5th
Barley	6th
Cantaloupe	6th
Sorghum Silage	6th
Sweet Corn	6th
Winter Wheat	6th
Wool Production	6th
Dry Edible Beans	7th
Pears	7th
Cabbage	8th
Peaches	8th
Spring Wheat	8th
Average Size of Farm or Ranch, 2003	9th
Lamb Crop	9th
Sheep and Lambs, Breeding	9th
Sugar Beets	9th
Cattle and Calves, All	10th
Land in Farms, 2003	11th
Sorghum for Grain	11th
Wheat, All	11th
Pig Crop	12th
Alfalfa Hay	13th
Hogs and Pigs, Breeding	13th
Corn for Grain	15th
Hogs & Pigs, All	15th
Hogs and Pigs, Market	15th
Corn Silage	16th
Milk Production	16th
Calf Crop	18th
Beef Cows	19th
Hay, All	20th
Egg Production	22nd
Layers, All	23rd
Milk Cows	23rd
Apples	24th
Chickens, All	24th
Other Hay	24th
Cows, All	25th
Oats	25th
Farms, 2003	28th

- 2003 production data for crops.
- Jan. 1, 2004 inventory for cattle and sheep.
- Dec. 1, 2003 inventory for hogs, and poultry.

## COLORADO CROP PRODUCTION, 2003

Crop	Acres Hrystd (1,000)	Yield Per Acre	Unit	Production (1,000)
Apples	-	-	Lbs.	22,000
Barley	82.0	109.0	Bu.	8,938
Beans, Dry	73.0	16.00	Cwt.	1,168
Edible				
Cabbage	2.8	400	Cwt.	1,120
Cantaloupe	1.6	190	Cwt.	304
Carrots	2.4	480	Cwt.	1,152
Cherries, Tart	-	-	Lbs.	600
Corn, Grain	890.0	135.0	Bu.	120,150
Corn, Silage	90.0	21.0	Tons	1,890
Hay, Alfalfa	800.0	3.20	Tons	2,560
Hay, Other	700.0	1.50	Tons	1,050
Lettuce	1.8	290	Cwt.	522
Oats	15.0	65.0	Bu.	975
Onions	9.6	410	Cwt.	3,936
Peaches	-	-	Lbs.	21,000
Pears	-	-	Tons	2.8
Potatoes,	6.7	380	Cwt.	2,546
Summer				
Potatoes, Fall	65.7	360	Cwt.	23,652
Proso Millet	285.0	19.0	Bu.	5,415
Sorghum,	160.0	27.0	Bu.	4,320
Grain				
Sorghum,	15.0	14.0	Tons	210
Silage				
Spinach	1.4	90	Cwt.	126
Sugar Beets	27.4	23.5	Tons	644
Sunflowers:				
Non-Oil	33.0	1,010	Lbs.	33,330
Oil	85.0	1,000	Lbs.	85,000
Sweet Corn	8.0	170	Cwt.	1,360
Wheat, Winter	2,200.0	35.0	Bu.	77,000
Wheat, Spring	29.0	40.0	Bu.	1,160

## COLORADO LIVESTOCK INVENTORIES

Species	Number
<b>All Cattle &amp; Calves, January 1, 2004</b>	<b>2,400,000</b>
All Cows & Heifers that have Calved	710,000
Beef Cows & Heifers that have Calved	612,000
Milk Cows & Heifers that have Calved	98,000
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	720,000
For Beef Cow Replacement	95,000
For Milk Cow Replacement	45,000
Other Heifers	580,000
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	820,000
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	35,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	115,000
<b>All Sheep &amp; Lambs, January 1, 2004</b>	<b>360,000</b>
Breeding Sheep & Lambs	170,000
Market Sheep & Lambs	190,000
<b>All Hogs &amp; Pigs, December 1, 2003</b>	<b>770,000</b>
Breeding Hogs & Pigs	110,000
Market Hogs & Pigs	660,000
<b>All Chickens, December 1, 2003</b>	<b>5,100,000</b>
Total Layers	4,300,000
Pullets	800,000
Other Chickens	52,000

**COLORADO CASH RECEIPTS, 2003 <sup>1/</sup>**

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Thousand Dollars</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
<b>All Commodities</b>	<b>4,963,771</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Livestock Products</b>	<b>3,675,669</b>	<b>74.0</b>
Meat Animals	3,252,043	65.5
Cattle & Calves	2,943,643	59.3
Hogs & Pigs	211,942	4.3
Sheep & Lambs	96,458	1.9
Dairy (Milk)	263,835	5.3
Poultry & Eggs	122,909	2.5
Other Livestock	36,882	0.7
<b>Crops</b>	<b>1,288,102</b>	<b>26.0</b>
Food Grains	211,712	4.3
Proso Millet	10,825	0.2
Wheat	200,887	4.0
Feed Crops	447,481	9.0
Barley	24,553	0.5
Corn	239,333	4.8
Hay	175,805	3.5
Oats	547	*
Sorghum	7,243	0.1
Oil Crops	10,869	0.2
Vegetables	274,574	5.5
Beans, Dry Edible	23,542	0.5
Cabbage	10,640	0.2
Cantaloupe	4,834	0.1
Carrots	11,866	0.2
Corn, Sweet	11,757	0.2
Lettuce	5,742	0.1
Onions	51,369	1.0
Potatoes, All	141,145	2.8
Summer Potatoes	12,457	0.3
Fall Potatoes	128,688	2.6
Spinach	3,679	0.1
Other Vegetables	10,000	0.2
Fruits	22,370	0.5
Apples	3,258	0.1
Peaches	12,160	0.2
Pears	1,679	*
Tart Cherries	228	*
Other Fruits	5,045	0.1
All Other Crops	321,096	6.5
Silage Corn	29,100	0.6
2/ Sugar Beets	29,219	0.6
Greenhouse/Nursery	243,838	4.9
Floriculture	93,838	1.9
Other Greenhouse	150,000	3.0
Other Crops	18,939	0.4

<sup>1/</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2/</sup> 2002 Data.

\* Less than .05 percent.

## FARM SECTOR INDICATORS, 2002

Item	Thousand Dollars
<b>Total Agricultural Sector Output</b>	<b>5,148,361</b>
Final Crop Output	1,206,522
Final Livestock Output	3,217,794
Services and Forestry	645,153
Net Government Transactions	78,892
<b>Total Production Expenses</b>	<b>4,437,211</b>
Intermediate Consumption Outlays	3,349,325
Farm Origin	1,928,701
Feed Purchased	631,729
Livestock & Poultry Purchased	1,183,284
Seed Purchased	113,688
Manufactured Inputs	407,737
Fertilizers & Lime	108,859
Pesticides	80,358
Petroleum Fuel and Oils	138,262
Electricity	80,258
Other Intermediate Expenses	1,012,887
Repair & Maintenance	181,300
Machine Hire and Custom Work	78,657
Mktng., Storage, and Transportation	156,900
Contract Labor	23,228
Miscellaneous Other	572,802
Factor Payments	701,702
Employee Compensation (Hired Labor)	364,431
Net Rent to Non-Operator Landlords	66,954
Real Estate and Nonreal Estate Interest	270,317
Capital Consumption	386,184
<b>Net Farm Income</b>	<b>711,150</b>
<b>Total Farm Assets</b>	<b>25,687,276</b>
Real Estate	20,175,926
Livestock & Poultry	2,143,930
Machinery & Motor Vehicles	1,630,630
Crops	259,782
Purchased Inputs	101,774
Financial	1,375,233
<b>Total Farm Debt</b>	<b>4,039,197</b>
Real Estate Debt	2,005,601
Nonreal Estate Debt	2,033,596
<b>Equity</b>	<b>21,648,079</b>
	<b>Percent</b>
Debt/Equity Ratio	18.7
Debt/ Assets Ratio	15.7

■ 2002 Number of Farms = 31,400