

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
6.7%	Partnership
5.2%	Corporate
1.1%	Other

OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS

98.3%	White
65.7%	Male
34.3%	Female

OPERATIONS BY SIZE

Acres	Number of Farms	Percent of Total *
	Number	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	Percent of Total *
	Number	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
TOTAL	31,369	100.0

* 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
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	2nd
Carrots	3rd
Sheep and Lambs, Market	3rd
Potatoes, Summer	3rd
Summer Lettuce	3rd
Cattle on Feed	4th
Fed Cattle Marketings	4th
Sunflowers, All	4th
Sunflowers, Oil	4th
Barley	5th
Dry Summer Storage Onions	5th
Potatoes, All	5th
Sorghum Silage	5th
Sweet Corn	5th
Sheep and Lambs, All	5th
Wool Production	5th
Potatoes, Fall	6th
Cantaloupe	6th
Cabbage	7th
Dry Edible Beans	7th
Pears	7th
Sorghum for Grain	8th
Spring Wheat	8th
Sugar Beets	8th
Peaches	9th
Average Size of Farm or Ranch, 2004	9th
Lamb Crop	9th
Sheep and Lambs, Breeding	9th
Cattle and Calves, All	10th
Alfalfa Hay	11th
Hogs and Pigs, Breeding	11th
Land in Farms, 2004	12th
Pig Crop	12th
Winter Wheat	13th
Corn for Grain	14th
Wheat, All	15th
Hogs & Pigs, All	15th
Hogs and Pigs, Market	15th
Corn Silage	16th
Hay, All	16th
Milk Production	19th
Calf Crop	19th
Beef Cows	18th
Oats	21st
Cows, All	22nd
Egg Production	22nd
Milk Cows	23rd
Apples	23rd
Chickens, All	23rd
Other Hay	23rd
Layers, All	24th
Farms, 2004	28th

- 2004 production data for crops.
Jan. 1, 2005 inventory for cattle and sheep.
Dec. 1, 2004 inventory for hogs, and poultry.

COLORADO CROP PRODUCTION, 2004

Crop	Acres Hrvstd (1,000)	Yield Per Acre	Unit	Pro- duc- tion (1,000)
Apples	-	-	Lbs.	28,000
Barley	77.0	118.0	Bu.	9,086
Beans, Dry Edible	67.0	15.50	Cwt.	1,039
Cabbage	3.3	480	Cwt.	1,584
Cantaloupe	1.7	160	Cwt.	272
Carrots	1.7	630	Cwt.	1,071
Cherries, Tart	-	-	Lbs.	200
Corn, Grain	1,040.0	135.0	Bu.	140,400
Corn, Silage	110.0	22.5	Tons	2,475
Hay, Alfalfa	770.0	3.30	Tons	2,541
Hay, Other	750.0	1.50	Tons	1,125
Lettuce	2.2	320	Cwt.	704
Oats	20.0	55.0	Bu.	1,100
Onions	11.0	500	Cwt.	5,500
Peaches	-	-	Tons	13.0
Pears	-	-	Tons	2.6
Potatoes, Summer	5.8	365	Cwt.	2,117
Potatoes, Fall	64.3	360	Cwt.	23,148
Proso Millet	330.0	24.0	Bu.	7,920
Sorghum, Grain	180.0	30.0	Bu.	5,400
Sorghum, Silage	19.0	14.0	Tons	266
Sugar Beets	33.5	25.0	Tons	838
Sunflowers:				
Non-Oil	43.0	900	Lbs.	38,700
Oil	80.0	1,350	Lbs.	108,000
Sweet Corn	9.3	150	Cwt.	1,395
Wheat, Winter	1,700.0	27.0	Bu.	45,900
Wheat, Spring	14.0	70.0	Bu.	980

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COLORADO LIVESTOCK INVENTORIES

Species	Number
All Cattle & Calves, January 1, 2005	2,500,000
All Cows & Heifers that have Calved	740,000
Beef Cows & Heifers that have Calved	639,000
Milk Cows & Heifers that have Calved	101,000
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	750,000
For Beef Cow Replacement	130,000
For Milk Cow Replacement	50,000
Other Heifers	570,000
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	840,000
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	40,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	130,000
All Sheep & Lambs, January 1, 2005	365,000
Breeding Sheep & Lambs	170,000
Market Sheep & Lambs	195,000
All Hogs & Pigs, December 1, 2004	800,000
Breeding Hogs & Pigs	140,000
Market Hogs & Pigs	660,000
All Goats, January 1, 2005	24,000
All Chickens, December 1, 2004	4,991,000
Total Layers	3,960,000
Pullets	967,000
Other Chickens	64,000

COLORADO CASH RECEIPTS, 2003 ^{1/}

Commodity	Thousand Dollars	Percent of Total
All Commodities	4,963,771	100.00
Livestock Products	3,675,669	74.0
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
Crops	1,288,102	26.0
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

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{2/} 2002 Data.

* Less than .05 percent.

FARM SECTOR INDICATORS, 2003 ^{1/}

Item	Thousand Dollars
Total Agricultural Sector Output	5,768,327
Final Crop Output	1,422,178
Final Livestock Output	3,465,986
Services and Forestry	674,312
Net Government Transactions	205,851
Total Production Expenses	4,596,687
Intermediate Consumption Outlays	3,499,785
Farm Origin	2,164,927
Feed Purchased	693,165
Livestock & Poultry Purchased	1,331,245
Seed Purchased	140,517
Manufactured Inputs	385,653
Fertilizers & Lime	112,150
Pesticides	72,234
Petroleum Fuel and Oils	130,483
Electricity	70,786
Other Intermediate Expenses	949,205
Repair & Maintenance	187,092
Machine Hire and Custom Work	66,464
Mktng., Storage, and Transportation	119,216
Contract Labor	23,354
Miscellaneous Other	553,079
Factor Payments	717,314
Employee Compensation (Hired Labor)	377,460
Net Rent to Non-Operator Landlords	66,306
Real Estate and Nonreal Estate Interest	273,548
Capital Consumption	379,588
Net Farm Income	1,171,639
Total Farm Assets	27,150,256
Real Estate	21,350,165
Nonreal Estate	5,800,091
Total Farm Debt	4,143,010
Real Estate Debt	2,099,314
Nonreal Estate Debt	2,043,696
Equity	23,007,246
	Percent
Debt/Equity Ratio	18.0
Debt/ Assets Ratio	15.3

■ 2002 Number of Farms = 31,400

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