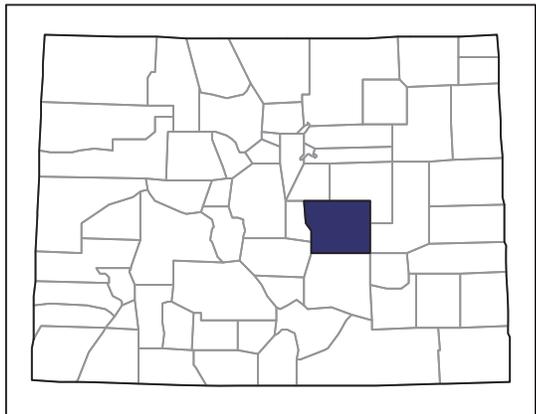


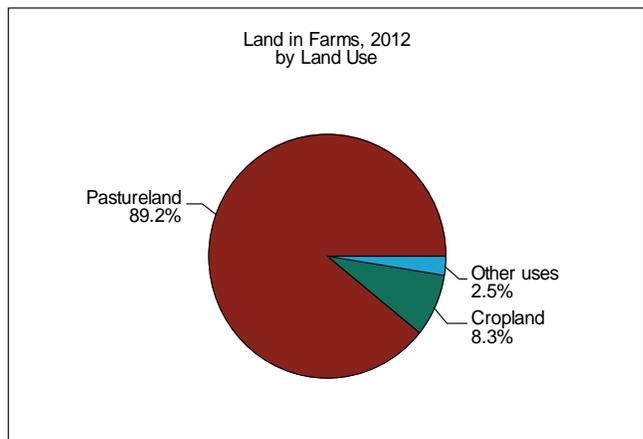
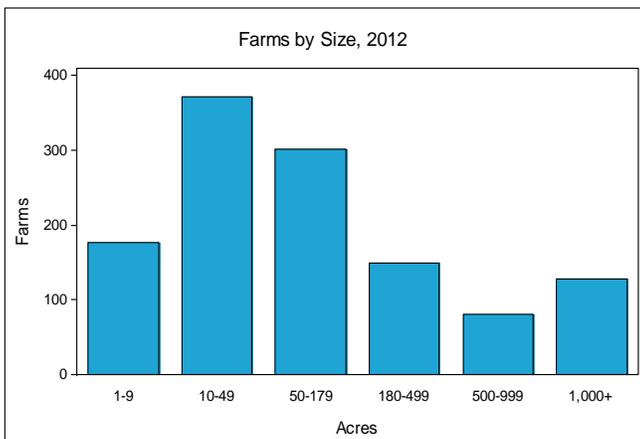
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



El Paso County Colorado

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,206	1,529	- 21
Land in Farms	648,916 acres	616,418 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	538 acres	403 acres	+ 33
Market Value of Products Sold	\$43,902,000	\$39,423,000	+ 11
Crop Sales \$20,684,000 (47 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$23,218,000 (53 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$36,403	\$25,783	+ 41
Government Payments	\$1,232,000	\$806,000	+ 53
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,937	\$6,013	+ 65





El Paso County – Colorado

Ranked items among the 63 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	43,902	29	63	1,873	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	20,684	28	63	1,684	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	23,218	26	63	1,509	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	747	34	48	2,300	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	67	25	47	2,042	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	13	37	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	18,336	3	51	166	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,492	38	62	1,595	3,049
Poultry and eggs	77	14	58	1,478	3,013
Cattle and calves	20,309	22	62	792	3,056
Milk from cows	508	17	26	1,475	2,038
Hogs and pigs	38	23	53	1,547	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	252	23	58	675	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,514	5	62	145	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	25	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	519	12	56	413	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,521	41	62	1,890	3,057
Sod harvested	1,540	2	15	40	690
Nursery stock crops	837	1	39	109	2,077
Corn for grain	726	27	33	1,994	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	441	35	46	1,915	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	22,961	27	63	1,220	3,063
Horses and ponies	5,633	3	63	41	3,072
Layers	4,597	6	59	837	3,040
Goats, all	1,702	3	59	264	2,996
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,385	3	49	850	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	568	Farming	597
\$1,000 to \$2,499	140	Other	609
\$2,500 to \$4,999	104	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	98	Male	853
\$10,000 to \$19,999	105	Female	353
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	39	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	American Indian or Alaska Native	27
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45	Asian	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	29	Black or African American	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	21	White	1,888
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	52,103	More than one race	26
Average per farm (\$)	43,203	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	71
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-3,614		
Average per farm (\$)	-2,997		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.