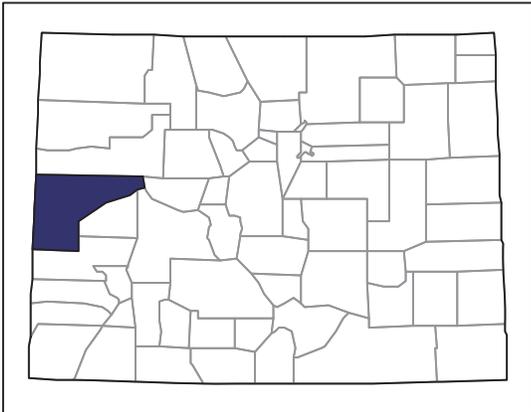


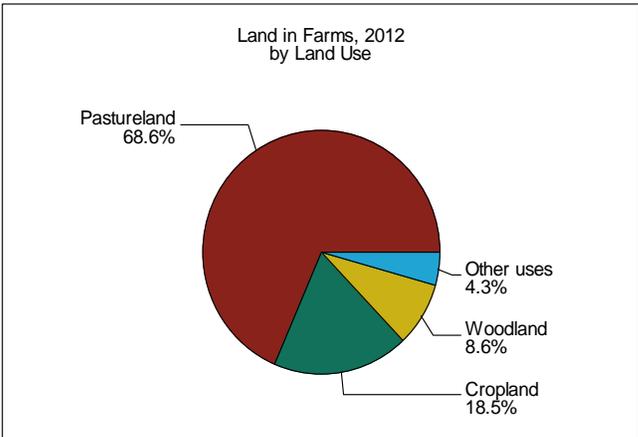
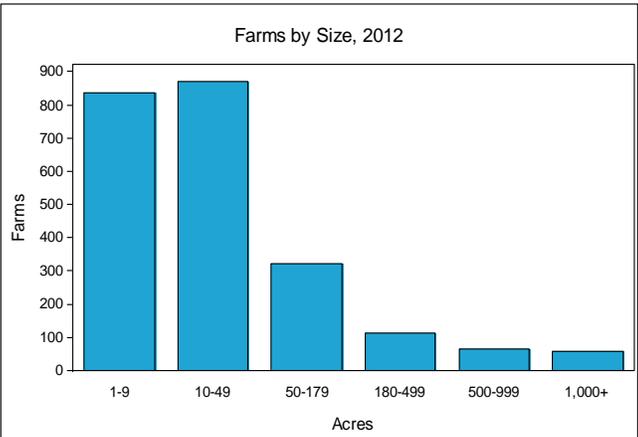
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Mesa County Colorado

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	2,264	1,767	+ 28
<b>Land in Farms</b>	386,932 acres	372,511 acres	+ 4
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	171 acres	211 acres	- 19
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$84,582,000	\$61,230,000	+ 38
Crop Sales \$40,652,000 (48 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$43,930,000 (52 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$37,360	\$34,652	+ 8
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$821,000	\$476,000	+ 72
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,130	\$3,401	+ 51





## Mesa County – Colorado

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	84,582	21	63	1,322	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	40,652	17	63	1,284	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	43,930	16	63	990	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	21	48	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	14	47	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	14,043	1	37	129	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	7,922	9	51	311	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	13	20	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	8,832	14	62	335	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	3	58	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	25,787	20	62	629	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	12	26	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	63	18	53	1,380	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	5	58	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,446	7	62	156	3,011
Aquaculture	(Z)	22	25	1,267	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	428	13	56	465	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	43,487	8	62	303	3,057
Corn for grain	4,990	18	33	1,418	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	2,897	24	46	1,200	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	2,852	23	45	1,132	2,480
Corn for silage	2,063	14	36	764	2,237
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	(D)	2	59	(D)	3,040
Cattle and calves	42,376	12	63	633	3,063
Sheep and lambs	22,547	3	59	41	2,897
Quail	(D)	2	12	(D)	944
Horses and ponies	5,620	4	63	42	3,072

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	808	Farming	1,100
\$1,000 to \$2,499	320	Other	1,164
\$2,500 to \$4,999	292	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	263	Male	1,842
\$10,000 to \$19,999	183	Female	422
\$20,000 to \$24,999	63	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	77	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	36	American Indian or Alaska Native	36
\$50,000 to \$99,999	84	Asian	8
\$100,000 to \$249,999	80	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	30	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	28	White	3,635
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	86,188	More than one race	20
Average per farm (\$)	38,069	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	184
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,093		
Average per farm (\$)	1,366		

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. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.