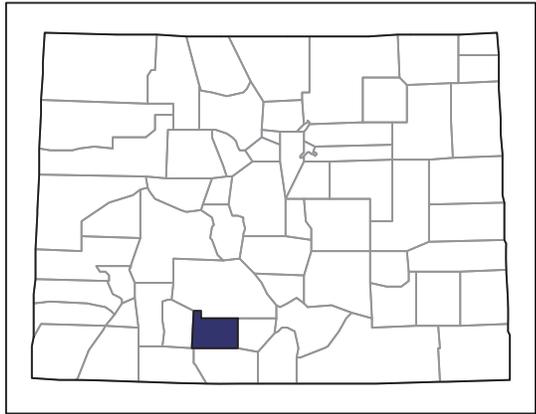


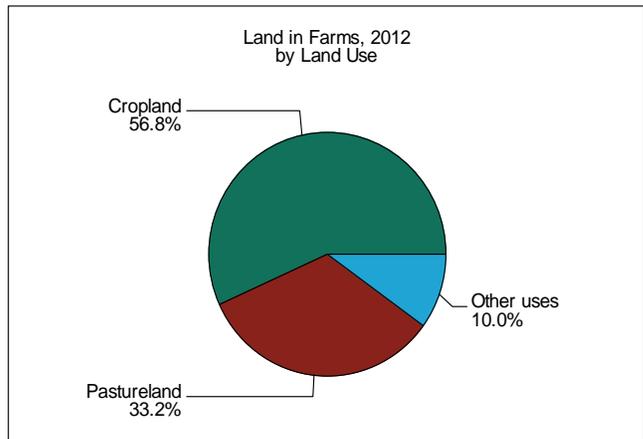
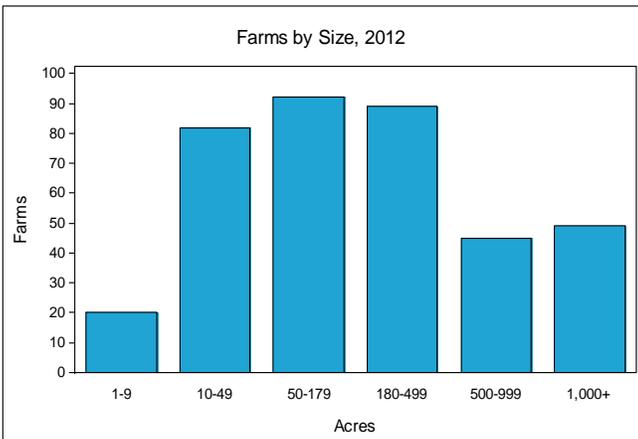
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

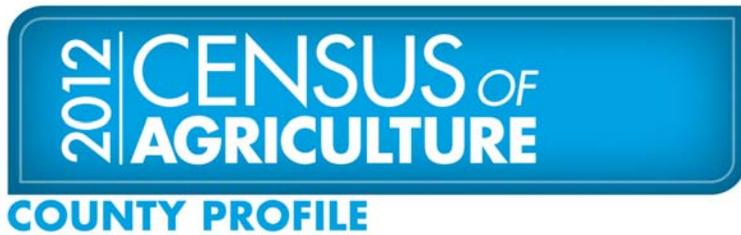
COUNTY PROFILE



Rio Grande County Colorado

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	377	390	- 3
Land in Farms	185,489 acres	178,908 acres	+ 4
Average Size of Farm	492 acres	459 acres	+ 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$106,491,000	\$85,360,000	+ 25
Crop Sales \$94,632,000 (89 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$11,858,000 (11 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$282,469	\$218,871	+ 29
Government Payments	\$1,003,000	\$835,000	+ 20
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,114	\$7,392	+ 23





Rio Grande 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	106,491	15	63	1,109	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	94,632	9	63	685	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	11,858	37	63	1,992	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,333	17	48	1,316	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	53,716	2	47	61	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	37	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	992	22	51	1,079	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	23,592	2	62	134	3,049
Poultry and eggs	11	30	58	2,322	3,013
Cattle and calves	8,202	38	62	1,455	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	18	26	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	8	38	53	2,178	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	625	14	58	266	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,226	8	62	192	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	11	25	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,011	4	56	254	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	45,890	7	62	265	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	18,648	1	47	47	2,801
Potatoes	18,099	1	37	18	2,354
Barley for grain	15,538	1	21	57	1,158
Wheat for grain, all	3,946	23	46	1,082	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	14,328	36	63	1,644	3,063
Sheep and lambs	4,548	12	59	198	2,897
Colonies of bees	(D)	7	48	(D)	2,761
Horses and ponies	1,017	30	63	1,173	3,072
Layers	942	28	59	1,911	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	92	Farming	204
\$1,000 to \$2,499	26	Other	173
\$2,500 to \$4,999	20	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	21	Male	336
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15	Female	41
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	57	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	32	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	53	White	584
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	79,429	More than one race	13
Average per farm (\$)	210,686	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	50
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	33,251		
Average per farm (\$)	88,198		

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.