



Colorado 3rd District

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	2017
Number of farms	14,808
Land in farms (acres)	8,719,448
Average size of farm (acres)	589
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Total	(\$)
Market value of products sold	967,155,000
Government payments	16,655,000
Farm-related income	84,892,000
Total farm production expenses	882,742,000
Net cash farm income	185,961,000
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Per farm average	(\$)
Market value of products sold	65,313
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	10,710
Farm-related income	17,898
Total farm production expenses	59,612
Net cash farm income	12,558

13 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	53
Livestock, poultry, and products	47

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	19
Pastureland	68
Woodland	10
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 1,218,249

14% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	8
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	7,203	49
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,465	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,403	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,461	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	955	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	724	5
\$100,000 or more	1,597	11

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	2,800	19
10 to 49 acres	4,801	32
50 to 179 acres	3,188	22
180 to 499 acres	1,663	11
500 to 999 acres	888	6
1,000 + acres	1,468	10

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	CDs Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	CDs Producing Item
Total	967,155	2	7	108	431
Crops	516,721	2	7	89	431
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	76,298	2	7	120	381
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	68
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	108
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	195,963	1	7	20	418
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	34,824	1	7	60	416
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	39,314	3	7	110	425
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	225	2	6	125	326
Other crops and hay	170,097	2	7	18	395
Livestock, poultry, and products	450,434	2	7	114	422
Poultry and eggs	39,957	2	7	122	404
Cattle and calves	336,685	2	7	34	396
Milk from cows	(D)	3	5	(D)	312
Hogs and pigs	1,557	2	6	118	367
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	31,635	2	7	7	393
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	2	7	29	393
Aquaculture	9,516	1	4	40	328
Other animals and animal products	(D)	2	7	49	413

Total Producers ^c

26,343

Sex

Male	15,308
Female	11,035

Age

<35	1,918
35 – 64	15,035
65 and older	9,390

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	217
Asian	83
Black or African American	16
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	17
White	25,788
More than one race	222

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2,025
With military service	3,201
New and beginning farmers	7,949

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **81**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **8**

Hire farm labor **22**

Are family farms **95**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	768,445
Wheat for grain, all	62,745
Vegetables harvested, all	(D)
Barley for grain	55,480
Potatoes	53,863

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	8,975
Cattle and calves	540,358
Goats	19,407
Hogs and pigs	14,908
Horses and ponies	39,501
Layers	859,991
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	194,473
Turkeys	2,084

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among CDs whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.