



Alamosa County Colorado

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	280	-13
Land in farms (acres)	192,030	+5
Average size of farm (acres)	686	+21
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	89,334,000	-3
Government payments	836,000	+2
Farm-related income	3,483,000	-16
Total farm production expenses	72,426,000	-4
Net cash farm income	21,227,000	-5
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	319,051	+11
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	13,067	+53
Farm-related income	25,993	-22
Total farm production expenses	258,666	+11
Net cash farm income	75,811	+9

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	91
Livestock, poultry, and products	9

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	42
Pastureland	51
Woodland	2
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 79,543

41% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	13
Intensive till	18
Cover crop	14

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	111	40
\$2,500 to \$4,999	12	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7	3
\$10,000 to \$24,999	23	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	11	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33	12
\$100,000 or more	83	30

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	14	5
10 to 49 acres	51	18
50 to 179 acres	76	27
180 to 499 acres	44	16
500 to 999 acres	37	13
1,000 + acres	58	21

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	89,334	18	63	1,256	3,077
Crops	81,248	11	63	697	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	20	49	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	49,512	3	45	66	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	31	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	6	50	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	18	24	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	11,849	11	62	214	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	8,086	42	63	2,228	3,073
Poultry and eggs	4	38	59	1,950	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	40	62	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	23	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	749	16	60	223	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	73	43	59	1,607	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	11	23	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	507
Male	315
Female	192
Age	
<35	31
35 – 64	315
65 and older	161
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	4
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	4
White	491
More than one race	8
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	60
With military service	49
New and beginning farmers	130

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	83
Farm organically	5
Sell directly to consumers	6
Hire farm labor	31
Are family farms	97

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	27,326
Vegetables harvested, all	16,071
Potatoes	(D)
Barley for grain	10,666
Sorghum for grain	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	11,898
Goats	1,206
Hogs and pigs	34
Horses and ponies	536
Layers	405
Pullets	-
Sheep and lambs	4,465
Turkeys	12

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 counties 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.