



Chaffee County Colorado

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	289	+30
Land in farms (acres)	66,297	-15
Average size of farm (acres)	229	-34
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	12,237,000	+27
Government payments	56,000	-24
Farm-related income	4,702,000	+323
Total farm production expenses	15,318,000	+22
Net cash farm income	1,677,000	+198
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	42,343	-2
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	5,634	+29
Farm-related income	65,300	+312
Total farm production expenses	53,004	-5
Net cash farm income	5,803	+176

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	33
Livestock, poultry, and products	67

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	26
Pastureland	62
Woodland	7
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 16,464

25% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	2

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	136	47
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	30	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	22	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9	3
\$100,000 or more	36	12

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	45	16
10 to 49 acres	106	37
50 to 179 acres	50	17
180 to 499 acres	60	21
500 to 999 acres	16	6
1,000 + acres	12	4

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	12,237	45	63	2,597	3,077
Crops	3,998	42	63	2,465	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	-	-	49	-	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	67	27	45	1,692	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	31	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,809	18	50	672	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	24	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,122	37	62	1,149	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	8,239	41	63	2,215	3,073
Poultry and eggs	7	33	59	1,853	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	41	62	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	23	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	27	29	54	1,285	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	375	21	60	456	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	110	37	59	1,380	2,970
Aquaculture	2,052	4	23	112	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	506
Male	281
Female	225
Age	
<35	16
35 – 64	271
65 and older	219
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	10
Asian	3
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	491
More than one race	2
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	17
With military service	68
New and beginning farmers	156

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	84
Farm organically	-
Sell directly to consumers	13
Hire farm labor	25
Are family farms	90

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	12,363
Flower seeds	(D)
Vegetables harvested, all	11
Field/grass seed crops, all	(D)
Floriculture and bedding crops	4

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	7,352
Goats	635
Hogs and pigs	112
Horses and ponies	1,146
Layers	596
Pullets	37
Sheep and lambs	34
Turkeys	-

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.