



Custer County Colorado

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	315	+59
Land in farms (acres)	161,337	-15
Average size of farm (acres)	512	-46
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	9,680,000	+18
Government payments	173,000	-42
Farm-related income	2,126,000	+104
Total farm production expenses	9,920,000	+8
Net cash farm income	2,059,000	+548
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	30,731	-26
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	17,344	+171
Farm-related income	25,305	+97
Total farm production expenses	31,493	-32
Net cash farm income	6,537	+307

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	47
Livestock, poultry, and products	53

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	18
Pastureland	70
Woodland	9
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 22,558

14% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	2
Reduced till	(Z)
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	1

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	178	57
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	23	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	15	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20	6
\$100,000 or more	35	11

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	15	5
10 to 49 acres	97	31
50 to 179 acres	89	28
180 to 499 acres	56	18
500 to 999 acres	31	10
1,000 + acres	27	9

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	9,680	47	63	2,671	3,077
Crops	4,582	40	63	2,407	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	-	-	49	-	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	-	-	45	-	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	31	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	25	38	50	1,571	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	4	13	24	589	1,384
Other crops and hay	4,553	22	62	550	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	5,099	48	63	2,432	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	59	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	4,865	44	62	1,705	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	21	23	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	8	37	54	1,618	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	30	42	60	2,029	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	160	33	59	1,138	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	23	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	27	40	58	1,227	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	553
Male	304
Female	249
Age	
<35	21
35 – 64	299
65 and older	233
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	2
Asian	2
Black or African American	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	544
More than one race	3
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	6
With military service	93
New and beginning farmers	259

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	80
Farm organically	-
Sell directly to consumers	10
Hire farm labor	19
Are family farms	96

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	20,086
Short-rotation woody crops	275
Cultivated Christmas trees	162
Nursery stock crops	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	125
Cattle and calves	8,387
Goats	95
Hogs and pigs	56
Horses and ponies	718
Layers	655
Pullets	70
Sheep and lambs	243
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.