



Elbert County Colorado

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,632	+23
Land in farms (acres)	1,018,461	-2
Average size of farm (acres)	624	-20
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	35,373,000	-21
Government payments	3,286,000	+41
Farm-related income	6,654,000	+6
Total farm production expenses	58,412,000	+5
Net cash farm income	-13,098,000	-521
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	21,675	-36
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	16,940	+68
Farm-related income	14,279	-8
Total farm production expenses	35,792	-15
Net cash farm income	-8,026	-406

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	21
Livestock, poultry, and products	79

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	19
Pastureland	79
Woodland	1
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 6,690

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	5
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	3

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	917	56
\$2,500 to \$4,999	159	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	198	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	161	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	77	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45	3
\$100,000 or more	75	5

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	171	10
10 to 49 acres	534	33
50 to 179 acres	502	31
180 to 499 acres	167	10
500 to 999 acres	86	5
1,000 + acres	172	11

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	35,373	30	63	2,042	3,077
Crops	7,511	34	63	2,174	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	5,055	27	49	1,642	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	128	24	45	1,450	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	6	22	31	1,836	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	296	30	50	1,198	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	6	11	24	570	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,020	39	62	1,200	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	27,862	21	63	1,390	3,073
Poultry and eggs	930	6	59	741	3,007
Cattle and calves	25,148	17	62	636	3,055
Milk from cows	11	19	23	1,105	1,892
Hogs and pigs	105	19	54	894	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	203	28	60	772	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	1,055	7	59	174	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	23	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	410	14	58	340	2,878

Total Producers ^c	2,963	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d	
Sex		Have internet access	87	
Male	1,609			
Female	1,354	Farm organically	(Z)	
Age		Sell directly to consumers	10	
<35	225	Hire farm labor	12	
35 – 64	1,853	Are family farms	96	
65 and older	885			
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
American Indian/Alaska Native	23		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,468
Asian	13		Cattle and calves	40,779
Black or African American	4		Goats	1,473
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	13		Hogs and pigs	407
White	2,850		Horses and ponies	3,801
More than one race	60		Layers	6,252
Other characteristics			Pullets	778
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	113		Sheep and lambs	1,582
With military service	435		Turkeys	267
New and beginning farmers	1,065			

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.