



La Plata County Colorado

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,093	-3
Land in farms (acres)	549,241	-7
Average size of farm (acres)	503	-4
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	24,352,000	-3
Government payments	1,066,000	+42
Farm-related income	3,562,000	+5
Total farm production expenses	31,758,000	-11
Net cash farm income	-2,777,000	+58
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	22,280	(Z)
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	11,588	+69
Farm-related income	8,133	+11
Total farm production expenses	29,056	-9
Net cash farm income	-2,541	+57

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	38
Livestock, poultry, and products	62

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	16
Pastureland	58
Woodland	23
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 58,522

11% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	508	46
\$2,500 to \$4,999	137	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	141	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	118	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	85	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	50	5
\$100,000 or more	54	5

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	161	15
10 to 49 acres	423	39
50 to 179 acres	270	25
180 to 499 acres	138	13
500 to 999 acres	58	5
1,000 + acres	43	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	24,352	37	63	2,267	3,077
Crops	9,319	32	63	2,072	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	869	34	49	2,150	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	23	45	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	658	3	31	581	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,104	23	50	822	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	22	24	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	6,367	17	62	400	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	15,034	35	63	1,856	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	18	59	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	11,340	33	62	1,161	3,055
Milk from cows	65	17	23	1,092	1,892
Hogs and pigs	105	20	54	898	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	1,823	9	60	94	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	601	11	59	354	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	13	23	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	582	11	58	267	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,981	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all
Male	1,095	87	35,218
Female	886		Wheat for grain, all
Age		Farm organically	2,355
<35	142	(Z)	Corn for grain
35 – 64	1,191		586
65 and older	648	Sell directly to consumers	Oats for grain
Race		12	530
American Indian/Alaska Native	35	Hire farm labor	Safflower
Asian	1	23	(D)
Black or African American	-		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	Are family farms	Broilers and other meat-type chickens
White	1,931	95	1,001
More than one race	13		Cattle and calves
Other characteristics			21,301
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	163		Goats
With military service	257		835
New and beginning farmers	610		Hogs and pigs
			309
			Horses and ponies
			2,954
			Layers
			4,435
			Pullets
			790
			Sheep and lambs
			7,483
			Turkeys
			183

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.