



Mesa County Colorado

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	2,465	+9
Land in farms (acres)	342,534	-11
Average size of farm (acres)	139	-19
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	94,186,000	+11
Government payments	730,000	-11
Farm-related income	5,062,000	+31
Total farm production expenses	86,090,000	(Z)
Net cash farm income	13,889,000	+349
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	38,209	+2
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	7,530	+47
Farm-related income	7,456	+44
Total farm production expenses	34,925	-8
Net cash farm income	5,634	+312

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	49
Livestock, poultry, and products	51

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	23
Pastureland	60
Woodland	9
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 76,221

22% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	5
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	1,434	58
\$2,500 to \$4,999	289	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	215	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	212	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	117	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	67	3
\$100,000 or more	131	5

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	1,098	45
10 to 49 acres	876	36
50 to 179 acres	268	11
180 to 499 acres	92	4
500 to 999 acres	68	3
1,000 + acres	63	3

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	94,186	16	63	1,191	3,077
Crops	45,915	17	63	1,141	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	5,639	25	49	1,598	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	12	45	427	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	22,239	1	31	103	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	5,431	12	50	366	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	21	24	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	9,249	13	62	271	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	48,271	14	63	974	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	3	59	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	27,989	14	62	559	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	12	23	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	148	16	54	814	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	6	60	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	897	8	59	214	2,970
Aquaculture	1	22	23	319	1,251
Other animals and animal products	213	21	58	507	2,878

Total Producers ^c	4,378	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all
Male	2,442	86	Corn for grain
Female	1,936		Wheat for grain, all
Age		Farm organically	Peaches, all
<35	326	(Z)	Corn for silage or greenchop
35 – 64	2,621		
65 and older	1,431		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	27	12	Broilers and other meat-type chickens
Asian	18		Cattle and calves
Black or African American	1		Goats
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	Hogs and pigs
White	4,295	19	Horses and ponies
More than one race	37		Layers
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	215	98	Sheep and lambs
With military service	594		Turkeys
New and beginning farmers	1,460		

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.