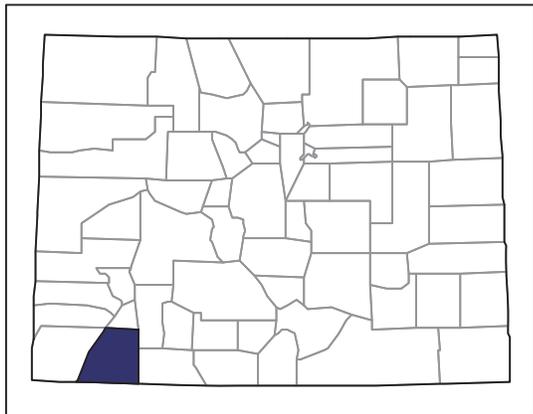


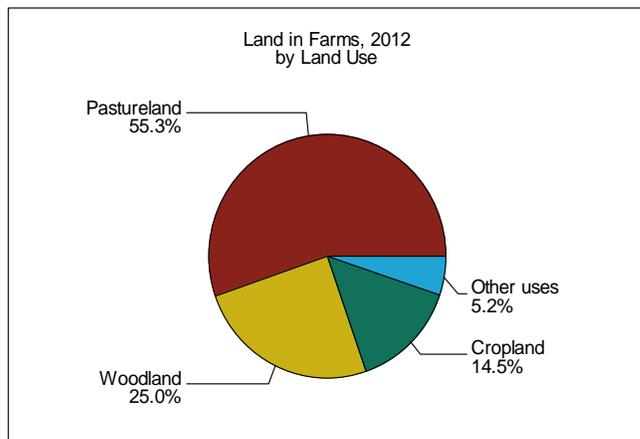
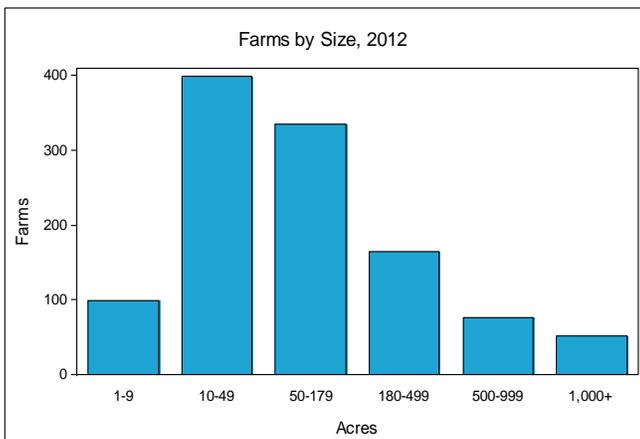
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



La Plata County Colorado

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,124	1,076	+ 4
Land in Farms	590,435 acres	570,189 acres	+ 4
Average Size of Farm	525 acres	530 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$24,991,000	\$19,791,000	+ 26
Crop Sales \$8,356,000 (33 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$16,635,000 (67 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$22,234	\$18,393	+ 21
Government Payments	\$752,000	\$1,045,000	- 28
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,838	\$6,654	+ 3





La Plata County – Colorado

Ranked items among the 63 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	24,991	36	63	2,248	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,356	32	63	2,189	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,635	32	63	1,772	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	331	38	48	2,492	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	144	21	47	1,673	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	232	6	37	1,018	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,236	20	51	977	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	6,414	17	62	471	3,049
Poultry and eggs	99	11	58	1,403	3,013
Cattle and calves	11,648	34	62	1,207	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	21	26	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	708	11	58	233	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	3,275	2	62	39	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	16	25	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	575	10	56	385	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	36,245	11	62	453	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	2,464	26	46	1,269	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	25	45	1,211	2,480
Safflower	(D)	3	4	(D)	103
Corn for grain	(D)	28	33	(D)	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	20,707	30	63	1,323	3,063
Sheep and lambs	5,483	10	59	166	2,897
Horses and ponies	4,746	6	63	72	3,072
Colonies of bees	4,253	2	48	177	2,761
Layers	3,987	10	59	896	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	431	Farming	514
\$1,000 to \$2,499	136	Other	610
\$2,500 to \$4,999	84	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	141	Male	897
\$10,000 to \$19,999	100	Female	227
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	63	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29	American Indian or Alaska Native	29
\$50,000 to \$99,999	58	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	37	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
\$500,000 or more	7	White	1,797
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	35,743	More than one race	13
Average per farm (\$)	31,800	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	131
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-6,596		
Average per farm (\$)	-5,868		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.