



Kit Carson County Colorado

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	574	-18
Land in farms (acres)	1,357,856	-1
Average size of farm (acres)	2,366	+21
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	474,278,000	-5
Government payments	13,382,000	+10
Farm-related income	10,888,000	-57
Total farm production expenses	435,111,000	-8
Net cash farm income	63,438,000	-5
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	826,269	+16
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	32,640	+43
Farm-related income	29,748	-50
Total farm production expenses	758,033	+13
Net cash farm income	110,518	+17

6 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	32
Livestock, poultry, and products	68

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	66
Pastureland	33
Woodland	(Z)
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 117,816

9% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	31
Reduced till	33
Intensive till	16
Cover crop	2

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	190	33
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	4
\$10,000 to \$24,999	33	6
\$25,000 to \$49,999	56	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33	6
\$100,000 or more	223	39

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	11	2
10 to 49 acres	52	9
50 to 179 acres	102	18
180 to 499 acres	110	19
500 to 999 acres	67	12
1,000 + acres	232	40

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	474,278	5	63	108	3,077
Crops	153,440	3	63	284	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	150,900	2	49	173	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	38	45	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	31	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	24	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,507	33	62	1,016	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	320,838	5	63	91	3,073
Poultry and eggs	3	39	59	2,018	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	5	62	35	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	10	23	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	3	54	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	57	34	60	1,661	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	53	47	59	1,772	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	23	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	24	58	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,044

Sex

Male	667
Female	377

Age

<35	102
35 – 64	651
65 and older	291

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	2
Asian	3
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,039
More than one race	-

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	15
With military service	94
New and beginning farmers	221

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **81**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **1**

Hire farm labor **36**

Are family farms **93**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Wheat for grain, all	233,352
Corn for grain	209,854
Sorghum for grain	30,817
Forage (hay/haylage), all	24,116
Sunflower seed, all	13,005

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	14
Cattle and calves	173,384
Goats	90
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Horses and ponies	401
Layers	181
Pullets	-
Sheep and lambs	547
Turkeys	(D)

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.