

2008 STATE AGRICULTURE OVERVIEW

Colorado

Farms

Number of Farms	36,500
Land in Farms (acres)	31,300,000
Average Farm Size (acres)	858

Livestock Inventory

Cattle and Calves - All (Jan. 1, 2009)	2,600,000
Hogs & Pigs - All (Dec. 1, 2008)	720,000
Sheep (Jan. 1, 2009)	410,000

Milk

Milk Cows (Average head)	128,000
Milk Production per Cow (lbs)	22,930
Production (lbs)	2,935,000,000

Crops - Planted, Harvested, Yield, Production, Price (MYA), Value of Production

Commodity	Planted All Purpose Acres	Harvestd Acres	Yield	Production	Price per Unit	Value of Production Dollars
Field & Misc Crops						2,107,959,000
Hay All (Dry)		1,570,000	2.5 tons	3,981,000 tons	161.000 dols/ton	612,084,000
Corn For Grain	1,250,000	1,080,000	137.0 bus	147,960,000 bus	3.950 dols/bu	584,442,000
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)		820,000	3.3 tons	2,706,000 tons	164.000 dols/ton	443,784,000
Wheat All	2,190,000	1,936,000	30.8 bus	59,700,000 bus	6.500 dols/bu	388,980,000
Wheat Winter All	2,150,000	1,900,000	30.0 bus	57,000,000 bus	6.450 dols/bu	367,650,000
Potatoes All	61,400	60,900	374.0 cwt	22,778,000 cwt	14.400 dols/cwt	327,977,000
Potatoes Fall	57,000	56,900	375.0 cwt	21,338,000 cwt		309,401,000
Hay Other (Dry)		750,000	1.7 tons	1,275,000 tons	132.000 dols/ton	168,300,000
Barley All	80,000	72,000	120.0 bus	8,640,000 bus	5.200 dols/bu	44,928,000
Sunflower All	194,000	162,000	947.0 lbs	153,400 lbs	22.900 dols/cwt	35,091,000
Sunflower Seed For Oil	170,000	143,000	900.0 lbs	128,700 lbs	21.700 dols/cwt	27,928,000
Beans Dry Edible	48,000	44,000	1,500.0 lbs	660,000 cwt	37.900 dols/cwt	25,014,000
Millet (Proso)	270,000	230,000	33.0 bus	7,590,000 bus	3.250 dols/bu	24,668,000
Wheat Other Spring	40,000	36,000	75.0 bus	2,700,000 bus	7.900 dols/bu	21,330,000
Potatoes Summer	4,400	4,000	360.0 cwt	1,440,000 cwt		18,576,000
Sorghum For Grain	230,000	150,000	30.0 bus	4,500,000 bus	6.250 dols/cwt	15,750,000
Sunflower Seed Non-Oil Use	24,000	19,000	1,300.0 lbs	24,700 lbs	29.000 dols/cwt	7,163,000
Oats	45,000	7,000	70.0 bus	490,000 bus	3.250 dols/bu	1,593,000
Principal Crops	6,078,000					
Alfalfa & Alfalfa Mixtures - New Seedings	100,000					

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Commodity	Planted All Purpose Acres	Harvestd Acres	Yield	Production	Price per Unit	Value of Production Dollars
Beans Pinto	36,000	34,000	1,460.0 lbs	496,000 cwt		
Sugarbeets	33,800	28,600	26.5 tons	758,000 tons		
Beans Light Red Kidney	8,000	7,000	1,660.0 lbs	116,000 cwt		
Beans Other Dry Edible	4,000	3,000	1,600.0 lbs	48,000 cwt		
Corn For Silage		120,000	21.5 tons	2,580,000 tons		
Sorghum For Silage		12,000	13.0 tons	156,000 tons		

2007 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service
Colorado - Ranked items within U.S. 2007

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	6,061,134	19	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,981,399	22	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,079,735	12	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,049,754	17	50
Tobacco			17
Cotton and cottonseed			17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	289,345	13	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	23,192	25	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	299,585	16	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,238	28	49
Other crops and hay	318,285	10	50
Poultry and eggs	161,320	29	50
Cattle and calves	3,156,348	5	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	456,076	16	50
Hogs and pigs	159,808	16	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	84,730	2	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	29,304	12	50
Aquaculture	11,258	23	50
Other animals and other animal products	20,890	19	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Layers	3,902,950	23	50
Cattle and calves	2,745,253	10	50
Turkeys			50
Hogs and pigs	882,695	15	50
Pullets for laying flock replacement	762,814	27	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Wheat for grain, all	2,369,096	7	47
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,621,178	16	50
Corn for grain	1,054,844	15	49
Proso millet	258,592	1	20
Sorghum for grain	153,196	7	38

Other Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:		Farms by value of sales	
Farming	14,958	Less than \$1,000	14,235
Other	22,096	\$1,000 to \$2,499	3,331
		\$2,500 to \$4,999	3,002
Principal operators by sex:		\$5,000 to \$9,999	3,122
Male	30,112	\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,749
Female	6,942	\$20,000 to \$24,999	851
		\$25,000 to \$39,999	1,628
Average age of principal operator (years)	57	\$40,000 to \$49,999	755
		\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,283
All operators 2/ by race:		\$100,000 to \$249,999	2,348
American Indian or Alaska Native	619	\$250,000 to \$499,999	1,247
Asian	199	\$500,000 or more	1,503
Black or African American	69		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	58	Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	5,431,280
White	58,004	Average per farm (\$)	146,577
More than one race	530		
		Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	968,925
All operators 2/ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2,610	Average per farm (\$)	26,149

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.