

**MESA COUNTY, CO**

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1,997	1,992	1,987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	1,489	1,325	1,223
Acreage	416,613	420,233	436,841
Average size (acres)	280	317	357
Median size (acres)	23	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	487,204	301,152	290,796
Machinery/equip (dollars)	29,806	26,619	23,194
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	92,482	94,012	97,648
Harvested	58,436	56,862	57,487
Irrigated	87,648	78,267	81,824
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	50,450	45,604	39,253
(dollars avg. per farm)	33,882	34,418	32,096
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	4,742	2,711	-144
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	71,672	54,406	54,946
Beef cows	33,245	26,347	23,884
Milk cows	1,030	2,073	2,204
Hogs and pigs	2,488	5,207	6,869
Sheep and lambs	9,906	18,728	18,620
Layers 13 wks or/older	D	D	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	D	D	776
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Corn, grain or seed	6,229	9,511	7,601
Corn, silage or green chop	2,498	2,787	4,124
Sorghum, grain or seed	106	145	179
Wheat	4,626	1,941	1,015
Barley	448	1,214	2,556
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	N	N	N
Dry edible beans, excl limas	662	945	1,539
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	38,718	36,469	34,492
<b>Vegetables</b>			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

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<b>Orchards</b>			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

**Abbreviations/footnotes:**

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture