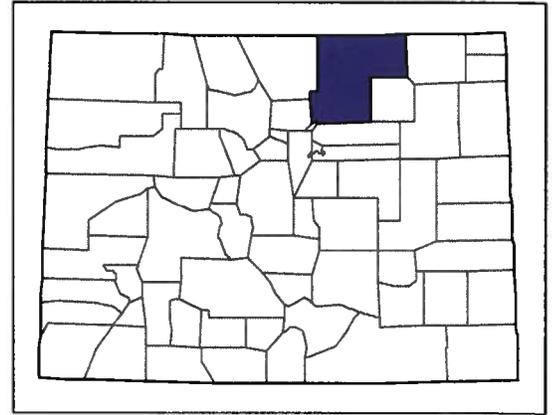


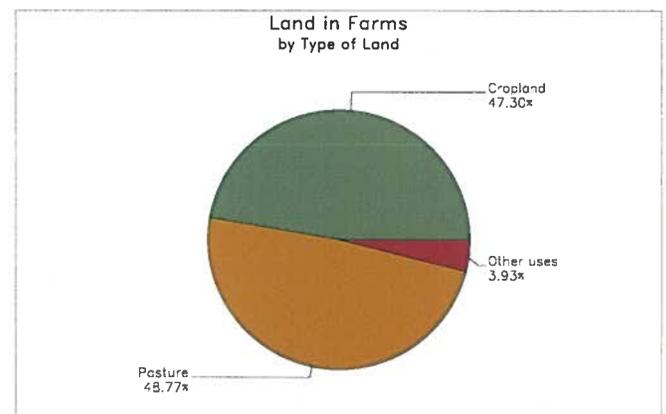
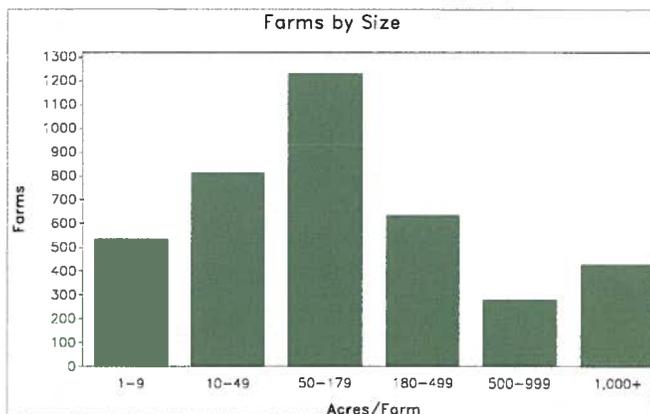
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Weld County Colorado



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	3,921	3,121	+ 26
Land in Farms	2,088,715 acres	1,812,167 acres	+ 15
Average Size of Farm	533 acres	581 acres	- 8
Market Value of Products Sold	\$1,539,072,000	\$1,127,854,000	+ 36
Crop Sales \$272,710,000 (18 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$1,266,362,000 (82 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$392,520	\$361,376	+ 9
Government Payments	\$15,403,000	\$13,111,000	+ 17
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,963	\$11,168	- 11



Weld County Ag Profile

Total land area (Square Miles) 4,014
 Total land area (Acres) 2,568,855

2007 Census of Agriculture

Number of farms and ranches 3,921
 Land in farms and ranches (Acres) 2,088,715
 Total cropland (Acres) 987,892
 Total woodland (Acres) 6,842
 Total pasture and rangeland (Acres) 1,018,667
 Total land in conservation programs (Acres) 274,128

Irrigated land (Acres) 327,836
 Percent of county land in farms 81%
 Average size of farms/ranch (Acres) 533
 Median size farm/ranch (Acres) 82
 Average value of land and buildings \$ 825,561

Market value of ag products sold (\$1,000) 1,539,072
 All crops sold (\$1,000) 272,710
 All livestock sold (\$1,000) 1,266,362
 Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) 1,337,792
 Net cash return from ag sales (\$1,000) 196,293

Average age of farm operator (Years) 55.7
 % of farms by age of primary operator
 Under 25 Years 0.4%
 25 to 34 Years 6.0%
 35 to 44 Years 13.0%
 45 to 54 Years 28.6%
 55 to 59 Years 13.7%
 60 to 64 Years 11.4%
 65 to 69 Years 8.0%
 70 Years and Older 19.0%

% of farms by sex of primary operator
 Male 86%
 Female 14%
 % of Acreage in farms by sex of primary operator
 Male 90%
 Female 10%

2007 farms by value group

\$1 to \$49,999	359
\$50,000 to \$99,999	295
\$100,000 to \$199,999	435
\$200,000 to \$499,999	1224
\$500,000 to \$999,999	848
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	428
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	222
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	89
\$10,000,000 or more	21

Organic Production

Acres organic crops harvested	2175
Acres organic pastureland	5826
Acres being converted	862
Percent of total farm acres organic	0.4%
Percent of farms with organic product sales	0.4%

Farm Ownership

	Farms
Family or Individual	80.16%
Partnership	11.66%
Family Held Corporation	5.81%
Corporation, Other than Family Held	0.48%
Other (cooperative, institutional, estate or trust, etc.)	1.89%

Farm Typology Classification

	Farms	Acres
Limited Resource	9.9%	4.6%
Retirement	14.7%	12.3%
Residential/Lifestyle	43.5%	17.3%
Farming occupation/Lower Sales	14.0%	12.0%
Farming occupation/Higher Sales	4.3%	12.6%
Large Family Farms	2.9%	8.4%
Very Large Family Farms	4.6%	17.4%
Nonfamily Farms	6.1%	15.5%

Direct Sales

Farms	303
Sales (\$1,000)	2,203
As a % of total ag products sold	0.14%
Farms marketing through CSA	15

Agrotourism

Farms	31
Value	\$605,000

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Field Crops	2007	2007		% Change in	
	Acreage	Production		Production	
Barley	7,519	654,817 bu		-34.9%	*
Corn for Grain	94,040	14,024,090 bu		26.3%	<i>Change in production from 2002 to 2007 greater than change in land by more than 30%</i>
Dry beans	6,077	143,037 cwt		-63.4%	
Oats Grain	693	21,865 bu		548.2% *	
Proso Millet	11,091	237,967 bu		668.9% *	
Sorghum, grain	3,883	113,273 bu		457.3% *	
Sugarbeets	11,575	315,352 tons		-6.9%	(D) <i>Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms</i>
Sunflowers, all	7,743	7,531,347 lbs		22.6%	
Triticale	677	13,299 bu			
Wheat, all	122,978	3,970,577 bu		83.0% *	
Wheat, Winter	121,430	3,901,047 bu		81.9% *	(Z) <i>Less than half of the unit shown</i>
Wheat, Spring	1,548	69,530 bu		180.0% *	
Forage Crops	161,688	553,484 tons		44.6%	
Hay, All	154,428	500,428 tons		35.9%	
Hay, Alfalfa	109,575	416,924 tons		24.8%	
Hay, Small Grain	11,255	17,646 tons		269.9% *	
Hay, Other Tame	25,957	58,177 tons		105.9% *	
Hay, Wild	7,641	7,681 tons		461.1% *	
Haylage, All	16,463	107,335 tons		268.0% *	
Corn Silage	51,794	1,140,423 tons		12.5%	
Sorghum Silage	1,510	12,445 tons		-45.4%	

	Acres	% Change from 2002
Orchard Crops	59	1866.7%
Apples	39 (D)	
Sweet Cherries	1 -	
Grapes	12 -	
Peaches	1 (D)	
Pears	(D) -	
Plums	3 (D)	
Berries	(D) (D)	

	Acres	% Change from 2002
Vegetable Crops	13,085	7.1%
Beans, Snap	356	263.3%
Beets	(D) (D)	
Broccoli	(D) (D)	
Cabbage, Head	1,615	41.4%
Cantaloupes	30	-3.2%
Carrots	(D) (D)	
Eggplant	(D) (D)	
Garlic	- (D)	

	Acres	% Change from 2002
Vegetable Crops, Continued		
Herbs, Fresh Cut (D)	(D)	
Kale (D)	(D)	
Lettuce, All (D)	(D)	
Onions, Dry 3,933 (D)		
Peas, Green (D)		-31.2%
Peppers, Bell 40 (D)		
Peppers, Other 27		122.2%
Potatoes (D) (D)		
Pumpkins 1,435 (D)		
Spinach (D)		127.1%
Squash, All 166 (D)		
Squash, Summer 110		-1.8%
Squash, Winter 56 -		
Sweet Corn 2,533 -		
Tomatoes 8		15.5%
Turnips (D)		-52.9%
Watermelons 35 (D)		
Other Vegetables (Z)		9.4%

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Sheep			Bison		
Number of farms with sheep and lambs	189	-1.6%	Number of farms with bison	17	-50.0%
Farms selling sheep and lambs	141	-12.4%	Number farms selling bison	12	-20.0%
Sheep and lambs sold	568,930	-22.7%	Bison sold	(D)	(D)
Ewes over one year	38,939	494.0%	Rabbits		
Wool Production, lbs	1,396,933	36.5%	Number farms selling rabbits	15	150.0%
			Rabbits sold	499	59.4%
Hogs			Bees		
Number of farms with hogs and pigs	151	29.1%	Number of farms with bees	40	150.0%
Farms selling hogs and pigs	151	-1.3%	Bee colonies	5,867	(D)
Hogs and pigs sold	15,537	16.8%	Farms collecting honey	27	145.5%
Value of hogs and pigs sold	1,712,000	51.4%	Honey collected, lbs	393,297	(D)
Hogs and pigs for breeding	771	-35.2%	Poultry		
Cattle			Number of farms with any poultry	338	86.7%
Number farms with cattle and calves	1,566	19.1%	Laying hens	2,791,770	-4.8%
Farms selling cattle and calves	1,302	10.8%	Farms selling any poultry	235	186.6%
Cattle and calves sold	746,454	-9.8%	Meat-type chickens sold	(D)	(D)
Value of cattle and calves sold	793,205,000	22.4%	Turkeys sold	(D)	(D)
Farms with beef cows	1,081	15.1%	Ducks sold	190	123.5%
Beef Cows	48,512	-10.6%	Geese sold	40	-42.9%
Farms with milk cows	97	-19.2%	Pheasants sold	11,597	-27.8%
Milk Cows	69,783	38.8%	Meat Processing		
Value of dairy products sold	269,586,000	112.4%	Federally inspected slaughter plants		
Farms with other cattle	1,254	11.8%	Unspecified Meat	5	
Other Cattle	447,032	0.8%	Lamb	1	
Farms with cattle on feed	126	-22.2%	Poultry	1	
Cattle on feed	302,612	-3.2%	Custom slaughter plants (State inspected)		
Farms selling cattle on feed	184	-34.8%	Domestic livestock	8	
Cattle on feed sold	605,270	-11.2%	Wild game	8	
			Also federally inspected	4	
Goats					
Number of farms with goats	327	93.5%			
Angora goats	70	-30.0%			
Mohair produced, lbs	765	49.1%			
Milk goats	764	12.4%			
Meat goats and other goats	4,289	117.6%			