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## Colorado Farm Income Financial Indicators 2020 <sup>1</sup>

| Item                                 | \$1,000   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Value Agricultural Sector Production | 8,396,316 |
| Crop Production                      | 1,879,637 |
| Livestock Production                 | 5,040,801 |
| Farm Related Income                  | 1,475,878 |
| Intermediate Product Expenses        | 6,040,483 |
| Contract Labor                       | 77,747    |
| Net Government Transactions          | 557,291   |
| Gross Value Added                    | 2,835,377 |
| Factor Payments to Stakeholders      | 1,135,071 |
| Net Farm Income                      | 1,189,916 |

<sup>1</sup> Source: USDA Economic Research Service [www.ers.usda.gov](http://www.ers.usda.gov), data as of February 4, 2022.

## Colorado Cash Receipts, 2020 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

| Commodity           | \$1,000          |
|---------------------|------------------|
| All Commodities     | 7,360,816        |
| Livestock Products  | 5,143,152        |
| Meat Animals        | 3,933,873        |
| Cattle & Calves     | 3,819,882        |
| Hogs & Pigs         | 113,991          |
| Sheep & Lambs       | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Dairy (milk)        | 892,098          |
| Poultry & Eggs      | 116,789          |
| Misc. Livestock     | 200,392          |
| Crops               | 2,217,664        |
| Food Crops (Wheat)  | 226,987          |
| Feed Crops          | 1,138,903        |
| Corn                | 586,185          |
| Vegetables & Melons | 278,106          |
| Fruit & Nuts        | 11,748           |
| Oil Crops           | 10,816           |
| All Other Crops     | 511,103          |

<sup>1</sup> Source: USDA Economic Research Services [www.ers.usda.gov](http://www.ers.usda.gov). <sup>2</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding. <sup>3</sup> Beginning in 2011, sheep & lambs are included in misc. livestock.



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## Agriculture Characteristics

| Land Use                        | Acres      |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Total Land Area                 | 66,329,503 |
| Land in Farms & Ranches         |            |
| 2017 Census of Agriculture      | 31,820,957 |
| 2021                            | 31,800,000 |
| Average Size of Farms & Ranches | 815        |

### Farm & Ranch Characteristics

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Farms & Ranches                    |        |
| 2017 Census of Agriculture         | 38,893 |
| 2021                               | 39,000 |
| Principal Producers                | 55,739 |
| Female Producers                   | 28,839 |
| Average Age of Principal Producers | 58.7   |
| Farms by Legal Status              |        |
| Individual or Family               | 31,660 |
| Partnership                        | 3,207  |
| Corporation                        | 2,859  |
| Other (Trust, Institution, etc.)   | 1,167  |

## Colorado Crop Production – 2021

| Crops             | Acres Harvested (1,000) | Yield per Acre | Unit    | Production (1,000) |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------------|
| Barley            | 47.0                    | 111.0          | Bu      | 5,217              |
| Beans, Dry Edible | 32.0                    | 1,880          | Lbs/Cwt | 602                |
| Corn, Grain       | 1,150                   | 129.0          | Bu      | 148,350            |
| Corn, Silage      | 180                     | 24.5           | Tons    | 4,410              |
| Hay, Alfalfa      | 780.0                   | 4.00           | Tons    | 3,120              |
| Hay, Other        | 700.0                   | 1.95           | Tons    | 1,365              |
| Onions            | 3.0                     | 465.0          | Cwt     | 1,395              |
| Peaches           | 2.5                     | 4.60           | Tons    | 11,500             |
| Potatoes, Fall    | 52.2                    | 400.0          | Cwt     | 20,880             |
| Proso Millet      | 420.0                   | 22.0           | Bu      | 9,240              |
| Sorghum, Grain    | 400.0                   | 37.0           | Bu      | 14,800             |
| Sorghum, Silage   | 39.0                    | 14.0           | Tons    | 546                |
| Sugarbeets        | 23.6                    | 33.7           | Tons    | 795                |
| Sunflower         | 50.5                    | 935            | Lbs     | 47,195             |
| Non-Oil           | 11.5                    | 950            | Lbs     | 10,925             |
| Oil               | 39.0                    | 930            | Lbs     | 36,270             |
| Wheat, Winter     | 1,880                   | 37.0           | Bu      | 69,560             |

## National Ranking of Colorado 2021

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Barley                           | 5  |
| Beans, Dry Edible, All           | 7  |
| Corn, Grain                      | 18 |
| Corn, Silage                     | 12 |
| Hay, All                         | 9  |
| Hay, Alfalfa                     | 5  |
| Hay, Other                       | 17 |
| Potatoes, All                    | 6  |
| Proso Millet                     | 1  |
| Sorghum, Grain                   | 5  |
| Sorghum, Silage                  | 3  |
| Sugarbeets                       | 9  |
| Sunflower, All                   | 6  |
| Sunflower, Non-Oil Varieties     | 4  |
| Sunflower, Oil Varieties         | 6  |
| Wheat, Winter                    | 5  |
| Onions, Dry                      | 9  |
| Peaches                          | 6  |
| All Cattle & Calves <sup>1</sup> | 10 |
| All Cows <sup>1,2</sup>          | 17 |
| Calf Crop                        | 15 |
| Beef Cows <sup>1,2</sup>         | 17 |
| Milk Cows <sup>1,2</sup>         | 13 |
| Milk Production                  | 13 |
| Cattle on Feed <sup>1</sup>      | 5  |
| All Chickens (excl broilers)     | 22 |
| All Layers                       | 22 |
| Egg Production <sup>3</sup>      | 20 |
| All Hogs & Pigs                  | 16 |
| Breeding Hogs & Pigs             | 13 |
| Pig Crop <sup>3</sup>            | 12 |
| Market Hogs & Pigs               | 16 |
| Honey Production                 | 21 |
| All Sheep & Lambs                | 3  |
| Breeding Sheep & Lambs           | 5  |
| Lamb Crop                        | 6  |
| Market Sheep & Lambs             | 2  |
| Wool Production                  | 2  |
| Farms                            | 22 |
| Land in Farms                    | 9  |
| Average Size of Farms            | 9  |

<sup>1</sup> Inventory January 1, 2022 for cattle & sheep; December 1, 2021 for hogs & chickens. <sup>2</sup> Cows & heifers that have calved. <sup>3</sup> Pig crop & egg production for the marketing year December 1, 2020-November 30, 2021.

| Operations by Farm Size 2017 |                 |              |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Acres                        | Number of Farms | % of Total   |
| 1-9                          | 6,404           | 16.5         |
| 10-49                        | 11,579          | 29.8         |
| 50-179                       | 8,017           | 20.6         |
| 180-499                      | 4,486           | 11.5         |
| 500-999                      | 2,622           | 6.7          |
| 1,000-1,999                  | 2,171           | 5.6          |
| 2,000 or more                | 3,614           | 9.3          |
| <b>All Operations</b>        | <b>38,893</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |

| Operations by Value of Gross Sales 2017 |                 |              |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| Sales Class                             | Number of Farms | % of Total   |
| Less than \$2,500                       | 18,989          | 48.8         |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                      | 3,420           | 8.8          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                      | 3,266           | 8.4          |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999                    | 3,444           | 8.9          |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999                    | 2,387           | 6.1          |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                    | 2,070           | 5.3          |
| \$100,000 to \$499,999                  | 3,619           | 9.3          |
| \$500,000 or more                       | 1,698           | 4.4          |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>38,893</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |

Totals may not add due to rounding.

All data, except as noted, is from the 2017 Census of Agriculture.

## Colorado Livestock Inventories

| Species                                   | Number    |
|---|-----------|
| All Cattle & Calves, January 1, 2022..... | 2,650,000 |
| All Cows.....                             | 840,000   |
| Beef Cows.....                            | 638,000   |
| Milk Cows.....                            | 202,000   |
| Heifers 500 pounds & over.....            | 840,000   |
| For Beef Cow Replacement.....             | 135,000   |
| For Milk Cow Replacement.....             | 115,000   |
| Other Heifers.....                        | 590,000   |
| Steers 500 pounds & over.....             | 800,000   |
| Bulls 500 pounds & over.....              | 45,000    |
| Calves under 500 pounds.....              | 125,000   |
| All Sheep & Lamb, January 1, 2022.....    | 430,000   |
| Breeding Sheep & Lambs.....               | 195,000   |
| Market Sheep & Lambs.....                 | 235,000   |
| All Hogs & Pigs, December 1, 2021.....    | 620,000   |
| Marketing Hogs & Pigs.....                | 475,000   |
| Breeding Hogs & Pigs.....                 | 145,000   |