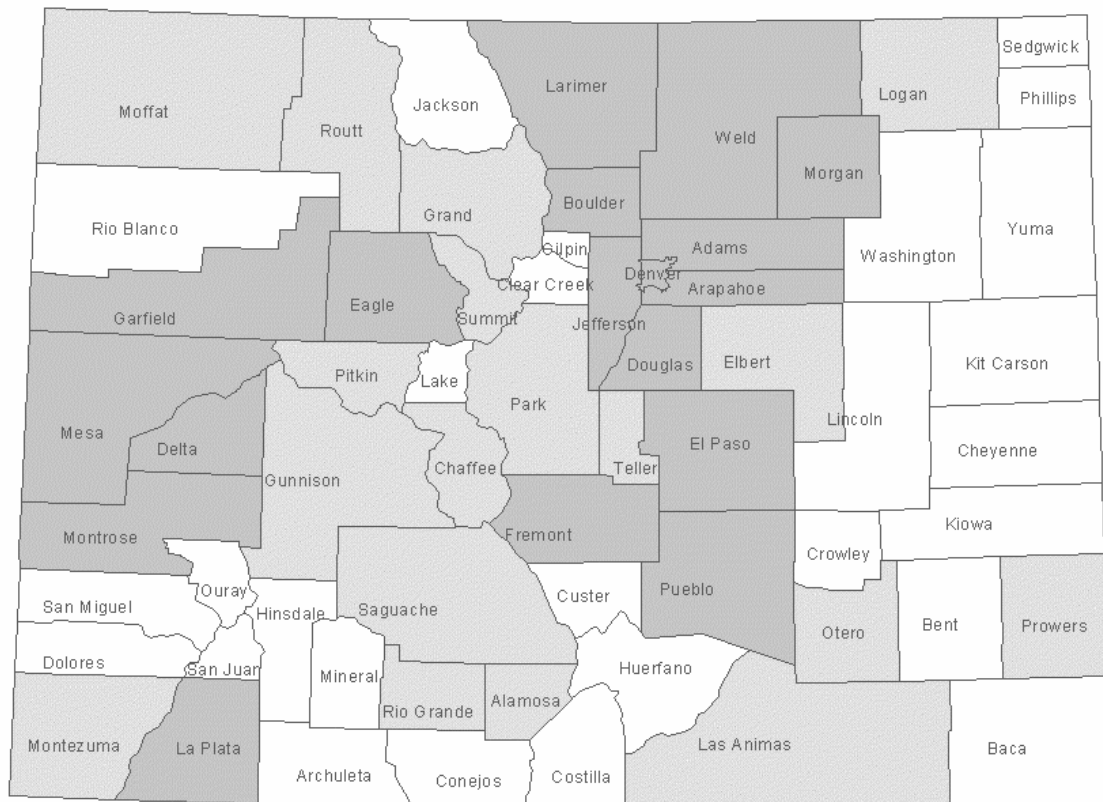


# AGRICULTURE IN COUNTIES AFFECTED BY GROWTH BALLOT INITIATIVE

The proposed Ballot Initiative #256: Regarding Growth Management would require compliance with several growth management regulations in 18 counties, leave compliance optional in 17 counties, and exempt 28 counties from such requirements. Counties are shown on the map below.

- ◆ 51 percent of Colorado farms and ranches are located in required compliance counties. Another 23 percent are within the optional compliance counties.
- ◆ 27 percent of the land in farms and ranches lies within required compliance counties. Another 30 percent lies within optional compliance counties.
- ◆ The total market value of products from Colorado's farms and ranches totaled \$4.5 billion in 1997. Of that total, 50 percent is from farms and ranches in required compliance counties. Another 18 percent is from optional compliance counties.
- ◆ Total sales from agribusiness in Colorado (agricultural inputs, production, and processing/marketing) reached \$15.9 billion in 1997. Of that total, 80 percent is from required compliance counties and 9 percent from optional compliance counties.
- ◆ Agribusiness in Colorado accounted for 105,000 jobs in 1997. Of that total, 74 percent is from required compliance counties and 13 percent from optional compliance counties.



Required Compliance Counties (population > 25,000)  
 Counties can opt out of compliance by citizens' vote (pop 10,000 - 24,999)  
 Exempt Counties

# AGRICULTURAL PROFILE OF COUNTIES AFFECTED BY GROWTH BALLOT INITIATIVE

	COLORADO COUNTY TOTALS (63)	REQUIRED COMPLIANCE COUNTIES (18)	OPTIONAL COMPLIANCE COUNTIES (17)	EXEMPT COUNTIES (28)	REQUIRED COMPLIANCE COUNTIES (18)	OPTIONAL COMPLIANCE COUNTIES (17)	EXEMPT COUNTIES (28)
1	<b>NO. OF FARMS &amp; RANCHES</b>	14,446	6,384	7,438	51%	23%	26%
<b>AGRICULTURAL LAND USE</b>							
2	Land in Farms (1000 acres)	8,869	9,777	13,982	27%	30%	43%
3	Cropland (1000 acres)	2,781	1,985	5,125	26%	19%	49%
4	Irrigated Land (1000 acres)	1,144	852	1,434	33%	25%	42%
<b>PUBLIC LAND OWNERSHIP</b>							
5	Land in County (1000 acres)	20,243	20,905	25,454	30%	31%	38%
6	State Land (percent)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
7	Federal Land (percent)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>AG PRODUCTION VALUE</b>							
8	Crop Market Value (\$mil)	\$565	\$265	\$497	43%	20%	37%
9	Livestock Market Value (\$mil)	\$1,722	\$554	\$931	54%	17%	29%
10	Total Market Value (\$mil)	\$2,287	\$819	\$1,428	50%	18%	31%
<b>AGRIBUSINESS IMPACT</b>							
11	Agribusiness Sales (\$mil)	\$12,668	\$1,405	\$1,789	80%	9%	11%
12	Agribusiness Income (\$mil)	\$1,852	\$243	\$365	75%	10%	15%
13	Agribusiness Jobs	77,686	13,403	13,956	74%	13%	13%
<b>POPULATION TRENDS</b>							
14	2000 Population (1,000)	3,732	299	144	89%	7%	3%
15	2010 Population (1,000)	4,345	378	170	89%	8%	3%
16	2020 Population (1,000)	4,914	442	191	89%	8%	3%

Required Compliance' counties have populations above 25,000; 'Optional Compliance' counties have populations 10,000 - 25,000; 'Exempt' counties have populations less than 10,000.

Rows 1-4-B-10 from "1997 Census of Agriculture," U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Rows 5-7 from National Ecology Research Center, USFWS, 1996.

Rows 11-13 from "The Contribution of Colorado's Agribusiness System to the State's Economy in 1997" prepared by the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, CSU.

In rows 11-13, "agribusiness" includes ag inputs, farm/franch production, and ag marketing/processing.

Rows 14-16 from the State Demographer's Office, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, 2000.

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For information about individual counties, visit [www.ag.state.co.us/resource/analysis/profile/tables](http://www.ag.state.co.us/resource/analysis/profile/tables). Or contact david.carlson@ag.state.co.us