

## COLORADO CASH RECEIPTS, 2008 <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Thousand Dollars	Percent of Total
<b>All Commodities</b>	<b>6,486,673</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Livestock Products</b>	<b>4,107,709</b>	<b>63.3</b>
Meat Animals	3,347,861	51.6
Cattle & Calves	3,058,056	47.1
Hogs & Pigs	175,882	2.7
Sheep & Lambs	113,923	1.8
Dairy (Milk)	533,968	8.2
Poultry & Eggs	180,013	2.8
Misc. Livestock	45,867	0.7
<b>Crops</b>	<b>2,378,964</b>	<b>36.7</b>
Food Grains	475,866	7.3
Wheat	475,866	7.3
Feed Crops	1,000,728	15.4
Barley	39,469	0.6
Corn	518,205	8.0
Hay	390,261	6.0
Oats	1,492	*
Proso Millet	31,639	0.5
Sorghum	19,662	0.3
Oil Crops	29,907	0.5
Vegetables	436,315	6.7
Beans, Dry Edible	25,121	0.4
Cabbage	9,840	0.2
Cantaloupe	8,966	0.1
Corn, Sweet	19,360	0.3
Onions	32,646	0.5
Potatoes, All	276,794	4.3
Summer Potatoes	18,576	0.3
Fall Potatoes	258,218	4.0
Misc. Vegetables	42,600	0.7
Fruits	29,708	0.5
Apples	3,624	*
Peaches	18,540	0.3
Pears	1,144	*
Other Fruits	6,400	0.1
All Other Crops	406,440	6.3
Sugarbeets	27,288	0.4
Other seeds	2,030	*
Greenhouse/Nursery	276,850	4.3
Other Field Crops	84,900	1.3

<sup>1/</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

\* Less than 0.1 percent.

## FARM SECTOR INDICATORS, 2008 <sup>1/</sup>

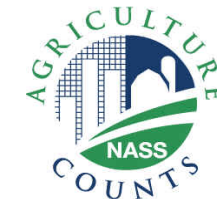
Item	Thousand Dollars
<b>Value Agricultural Sector Production</b>	<b>7,140,779</b>
Value of Crop Production	2,309,906
Value of Livestock Production	3,957,974
Revenues from Services and Forestry	872,899
Net Government Transactions	57,757
<b>Total Production Expenses</b>	<b>4,539,566</b>
Farm Origin	2,316,300
Feed Purchased	1,029,998
Livestock & Poultry Purchased	1,133,152
Seed Purchased	153,150
Manufactured Inputs	796,967
Fertilizers & Lime	243,557
Pesticides	113,054
Petroleum Fuel and Oils	303,235
Electricity	137,121
Other Purchased Products	1,426,299
Repair & Maintenance	268,634
Machine Hire and Custom Work	92,526
Mktng., Storage, and Transportation	232,887
Contract Labor	47,199
Miscellaneous Other	785,053
Factor Payments	812,603
Employee Compensation (Hired Labor)	455,107
Net Rent to Non-Operator Landlords	57,059
Real Estate and Nonreal Estate Interest	300,437
Capital Consumption	480,563
<b>Net Farm Income</b>	<b>1,365,804</b>

■ 2008 Number of Farms = 36,500

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# COLORADO AGRICULTURE

## A PROFILE



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## COLORADO AGRICULTURE 1/

Total Land Area	66,327,849 Acres
Number of Farms & Ranches	36,500
Land in Farms & Ranches	31,604,911 Acres
Avg. Size of Farm & Ranch	853 Acres
Total number of operators:	60,684
Total women operators:	22,082

### Principal operator by days of work off farm:

None	11,079	29.9 %
Any	25,975	70.1 %
200 days or more	14,712	39.7 %

**Average Age of Principal Operator: 57.0**

### OPERATIONS BY TYPE PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS

81.4% Individual	81.3% Male
10.2% Partnership	18.7% Female
6.3% Corporate	
2.1% Other	

### OPERATIONS BY SIZE

Acres	Number of Farms	Percent of Total *
	Number	Percent
1 - 9 acres	4,276	11.5
10 - 49 acres	9,359	25.3
50 - 179 acres	8,476	22.9
180 - 499 acres	5,501	14.8
500 - 999 acres	3,185	8.6
1,000 - 1,999 acres	2,521	6.8
2,000 or more acres	3,736	10.1
All Operations	37,054	100.0

### OPERATIONS BY VALUE OF SALES - 2007

Sales Class	Number of Farms	Percent of Total *
	Number	Percent
Less than \$2,500	17,566	47.4
\$2,500 - \$4,999	3,002	8.1
\$5,000 - \$9,999	3,122	8.4
\$10,000 - \$24,999	3,600	9.7
\$25,000 - \$49,999	2,383	6.4
\$50,000 - \$99,999	2,283	6.2
\$100,000 - \$499,999	3,595	9.7
\$500,000 or more	1,503	4.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,054</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Total may not add due to rounding.

1/ All data is from the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

## NATIONAL RANKING of COLORADO PRODUCTS

Proso Millet.....	1st
Fed Cattle Marketings .....	4th
Potatoes, Summer.....	4th
Potatoes, All .....	4th
Potatoes, Fall.....	4th
Sunflowers, Oil.....	4th
Sheep and Lambs, All.....	4th
Wool Production .....	4th
Cantaloupe.....	5th
Cattle of Feed .....	5th
Dry Summer Storage Onions.....	5th
Sunflowers, All.....	5th
Barley .....	6th
Sunflowers, Non-oil .....	6th
Sweet Corn Fresh .....	6th
Peaches .....	7th
Pears .....	8th
Cabbage.....	8th
Spring Wheat.....	8th
Sugarbeets.....	8th
Dry Edible Beans.....	9th
Land in Farms, 2008.....	9th
Sorghum Silage .....	9th
Average Size of Farm or Ranch, 2008.....	10th
Alfalfa Hay .....	10th
Cattle and Calves, All.....	10th
Pig Crop .....	12th
Sorghum for Grain.....	11th
Winter Wheat .....	11th
Corn Silage.....	13th
Beef Cows .....	14th
Corn for Grain .....	15th
Hay, All .....	15th
Milk Production .....	15th
Hogs & Pigs, All .....	16th
All Goats .....	16th
Milk Cows .....	16th
Calf Crop.....	17th
Other Hay .....	20th
Egg Production.....	22nd
Layers, All .....	22nd
Apples .....	24th
Oats .....	24th
Chickens, All.....	25th
Farms, 2008.....	27th

■ 2008 production data for crops.  
Jan.1, 2009 inventory for cattle and sheep.  
Dec. 1, 2008 inventory for hogs, and poultry.

## COLORADO CROP PRODUCTION, 2008

Crop	Acres	Yield	Unit	Pro-duction (1,000)
	Hrvstd (1,000)	Per Acre		
Apples	-	-	Lbs.	18,000
Barley	72.0	120.0	Bu.	8,640
Beans, Dry Edible	44.0	15.00	Cwt.	660
Cabbage	2.3	400	Cwt.	920
Cantaloupe	2.1	210	Cwt.	441
Corn, Grain	1,080.0	137.0	Bu.	147,960
Corn, Silage	120.0	21.5	Tons	2,580
Hay, Alfalfa	820.0	3.30	Tons	2,706
Hay, Other	750.0	1.70	Tons	1,275
Oats	7.0	70.0	Bu.	490
Onions	7.5	360	Cwt.	2,700
Peaches	-	-	Tons	14.0
Pears	-	-	Tons	1.9
Potatoes, Summer	4.0	360	Cwt.	1,440
Potatoes, Fall	56.9	375	Cwt.	21,338
Proso Millet	270.0	32.0	Bu.	7,590
Sorghum, Grain	150.0	30.0	Bu.	4,500
Sorghum, Silage	12.0	13.0	Tons	156
Sugar Beets	28.6	26.5	Tons	758
Sunflowers:				
Non-Oil	19.0	1,300	Lbs.	24,700
Oil	143.0	900	Lbs.	128,700
Sweet Corn	7.3	170	Cwt.	1,241
Wheat, Winter	1,900.0	30.0	Bu.	57,000
Wheat, Spring	36.0	75.0	Bu.	2,700

## COLORADO LIVESTOCK INVENTORIES

Species	Number
<b>All Cattle &amp; Calves, January 1, 2009</b>	<b>2,600,000</b>
All Cows & Heifers that have Calved	850,000
Beef Cows & Heifers that have Calved	720,000
Milk Cows & Heifers that have Calved	130,000
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	710,000
For Beef Cow Replacement	120,000
For Milk Cow Replacement	60,000
Other Heifers	530,000
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	770,000
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	50,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	220,000
<b>All Sheep &amp; Lambs, January 1, 2009</b>	<b>410,000</b>
Breeding Sheep & Lambs	205,000
Market Sheep & Lambs	205,000
<b>All Hogs &amp; Pigs, December 1, 2008</b>	<b>720,000</b>
Breeding Hogs & Pigs	155,000
Market Hogs & Pigs	565,000
<b>All Goats, January 1, 2009</b>	<b>39,000</b>
<b>All Chickens, December 1, 2008</b>	<b>4,711,000</b>