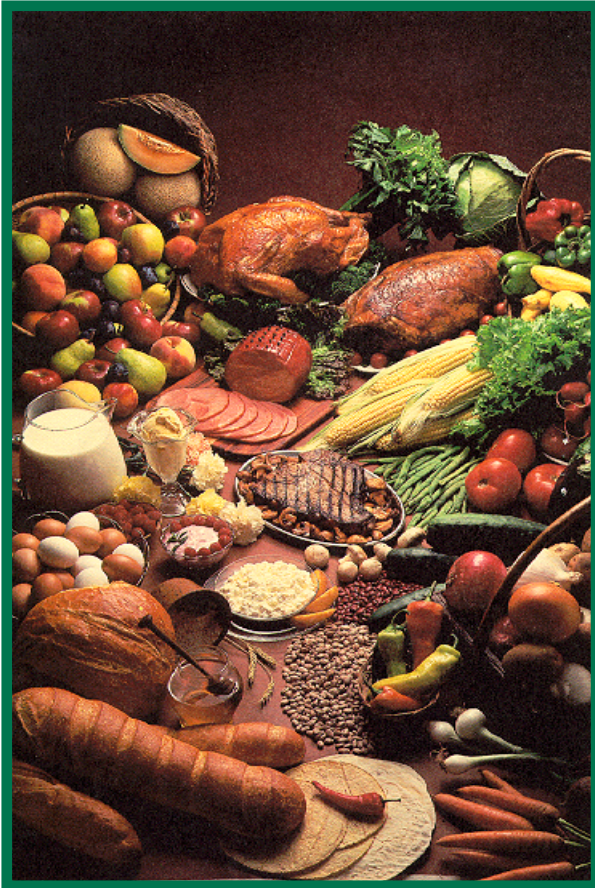


Colorado Agriculture from to



Each year, Colorado produces fresh, high quality products for millions of Colorado residents as well as consumers nationally and internationally. Here are just a few items grown and raised in the Centennial State:

Alfalfa Hay Alligators
 Anasazi Beans
 Apples Apricots
 Barley Bell Peppers
 Bison Broccoli
 Cabbage Canola
 Cantaloupe Carrots
 Cashmere Cattle
 Cauliflower Cherries
 Chickens Chili
 Peppers Christmas
 Trees Corn
 Cucumbers Dry Beans
 Eggs Elk Emu
 Flowers Garlic Goat
 Cheese Herbs Hogs

Honey Horses Jalapeno Peppers Kabocha Squash Kale
 Lambs Lettuce Milk Milo Mushrooms Nectarines Oats
 Okra Onions Ostrich Peaches Pears Pinto Beans Plums
 Potatoes Pumpkins Quinoa Rhubarb Seed Sheep Sod
 Sorghum Spinach Squash Striped Bass Sugar Beets
 Sunflowers Tilapia Tomatoes Trout Ungulates Vegetables
 Watermelons Wheat Wine Wool Xeriscape Plants Yaks

Quick Facts About Colorado Agriculture

There are 34,000 farms in the state encompassing 31.7 million acres.

Colorado's farm cash receipts for 2015 totaled \$7.4 billion. Livestock products accounted for 71%.

Agriculture continues to be a vital part of Colorado's future, providing more than 170,000 jobs and contributing more than \$40 billion to the state's economy annually.

Colorado farmers and ranchers help to feed the world, exporting \$1.8 billion in products. Canada, Mexico, Japan, Korea and China receive the largest share of Colorado food products.

The array of products grown in Colorado is staggering. Farmers have diversified to grow grapes, sunflowers mushrooms, Anasazi beans and other specialty crops.

Ranchers also have diversified to raise fish (aquaculture), bison and elk.

Colorado's Top 10 Farm and Ranch Products for 2015

#	Commodity	Cash receipts in millions
1.	Cattle and Calves	4,040
2.	Dairy Products	664
3.	Corn, Grain	498
4.	Miscellaneous Crops	403
5.	Hay	398
6.	Wheat	359
7.	Poultry/Eggs	210
8.	Hogs	193
9.	Potatoes	165
10.	Other Livestock (including Sheep/Lambs)	138



Top 10 Ag Counties in Colorado

Market Value of Ag Products Sold

1. **Weld** **\$1.9 billion**
Cattle, dairy, nursery, poultry, wheat, corn, sheep, hay, vegetables
2. **Yuma** **\$1.2 billion**
Cattle, corn, wheat, hogs
3. **Morgan** **\$615.3 million**
Cattle, wheat, corn, hay
4. **Logan** **\$566.9 million**
Cattle, wheat, corn, hay, proso millet
5. **Kit Carson** **\$499.8 million**
Cattle, wheat, corn
6. **Prowers** **\$318.2 million**
Cattle, wheat, hay, corn, sorghum
7. **Washington** **\$220.7 million**
Wheat, proso millet, corn, cattle
8. **Phillips** **\$208.0 million**
Corn, wheat, proso millet
9. **Crowley** **\$161.5 million**
Cattle
10. **Otero** **\$144.2 million**
Cattle, hay, corn, vegetables

When people think of  Colorado, outdoor fun in the Rocky Mountains is what usually comes to mind. Think again. Nearly half of Colorado's 66 million acres are farms and ranches, and Colorado agribusinesses contribute about \$40 billion to Colorado's economy.



Hungry for a juicy steak? Colorado has plenty. With more than 12,000 beef producers, the cattle industry is the largest ag sector in the state, bringing in \$4 billion in cash receipts.

Love a baked potato with your steak or french fries with your leg of lamb? Ranked fifth nationally in production of potatoes, Colorado produces over two billion pounds of potatoes annually.



Having veggies or salad for dinner? Colorado ranks sixth in onion production and tenth in sweet corn production and is one of the nation's top lettuce producers.



Need something to quench your thirst? Annual production of eight million bushels of barley helps make Colorado one of the top beer producing states in the nation. The state is also home to more than 140 licensed wineries. Cheers!

Colorado agriculture is more than just food. Farmers and ranchers help create products in construction, manufacturing, health care, education, transportation and personal care.

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| X-ray film | Bandages | Crayons |
| Paper | Piano Keys | Footballs |
| Shoes | Plastics | Tires |
| Soaps | Insulation | Perfume |



Agriculture also helps feed the nation and the world, provides wildlife habitat, protects the environment and fuels the state economy.



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