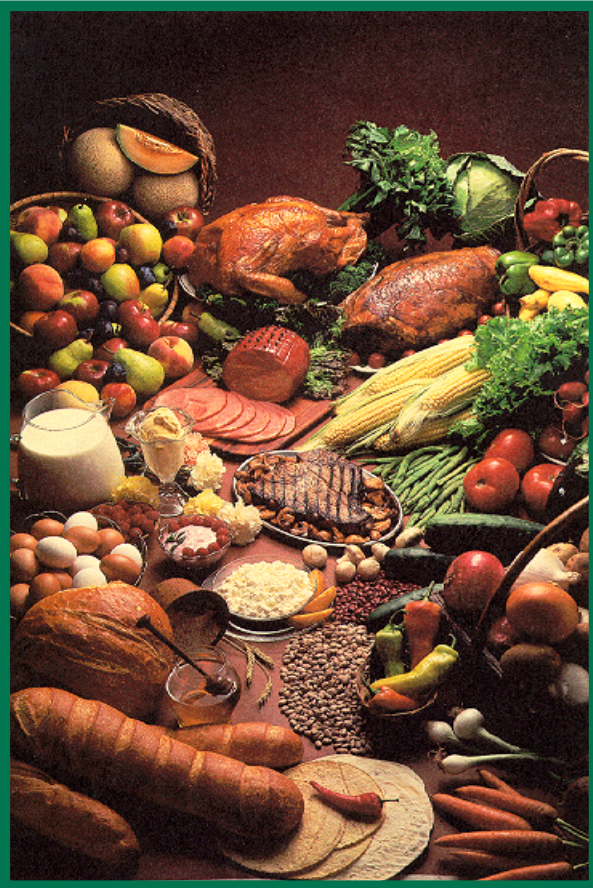


# Colorado Agriculture from **A** to **Z**



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 nearly 34,000 farms and ranches in the state encompassing 31.7 million acres.
- ▲ Colorado's cash receipts for 2017 totaled \$6.8 billion. Livestock products accounted for 68%.
- ▲ 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 nearly \$2 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 2017

#	Commodity	Cash receipts in millions \$
1.	Cattle and Calves	3,445
2.	Dairy Products	754
3.	Corn, Grain	532
4.	Miscellaneous Crops	478
5.	Hay	365
6.	Wheat	320
7.	Potatoes	193
8.	Hogs	166
9.	Other Livestock (including Sheep/Lambs)	145
10.	Poultry/Eggs	102



## 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 \$3 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 produces a wide variety of tasty specialty crops including onions, sweet corn, tomatoes, lettuce and cabbage.



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 and dozens of distilleries. Cheers!

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

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



Agriculture feeds the state, nation and the world; provides wildlife habitat and open space; protects the environment and fuels the state economy.



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