

# Mesa County Workforce Center

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## *Industry Report*



# Crop and Animal Production Report

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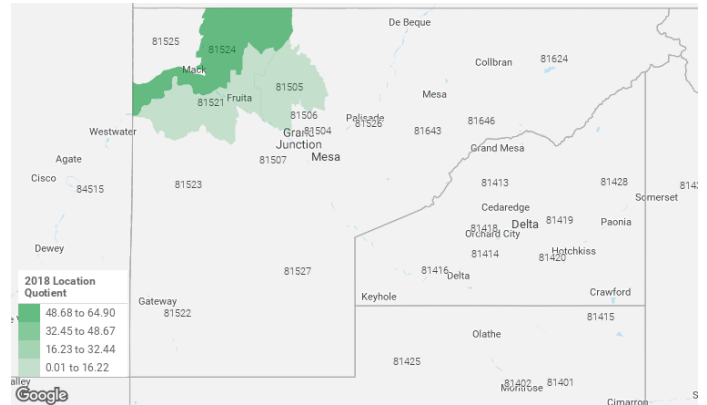
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## Crop Production

### Highest Ranked Zip Codes

ZIP	ZIP Name	2017 Jobs	2017 Location Quotient
81524	Loma, CO	1,084	63.97
81521	Fruita, CO	541	13.51
81505	Grand Junction, CO	267	1.83
81502	Grand Junction, CO	0	0.00
81506	Grand Junction, CO	0	0.00
81503	Grand Junction, CO	0	0.00
81501	Grand Junction, CO	0	0.00
81523	Glade Park, CO	0	0.00
81520	Clifton, CO	0	0.00
81504	Grand Junction, CO	0	0.00
81507	Grand Junction, CO	0	0.00
81630	De Beque, CO	0	0.00
81525	Mack, CO	0	0.00
81646	Molina, CO	0	0.00
81526	Palisade, CO	0	0.00
81527	Whitewater, CO	0	0.00
81624	Collbran, CO	0	0.00
81643	Mesa, CO	0	0.00
81522	Gateway, CO	0	0.00



Crop Production makes up for 2.8% of Mesa County's total employment. The map below shows employment concentration in Mesa County. In 2017 Mesa County had 1,892 jobs available in the Crop Production industry. That number is expected to increase by 1% in 2018.

Note the location quotient for each zip code. A location quotient of 1.00 represents the average concentration for the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting sector state wide. Mesa County's average location quotient is 4.17.

### Top Regional Businesses

Business Name	Business Size
Talbott Farms, Inc.	225
High Country Orchards, LLC	22
Whitby Farms	20
Orchard Mesa Greenhouse	12
Mountain Island Ranch	9

Source: \*Economic Modeling Specialist International

### Top 5 occupations and five year outlook

Description	Employed in Industry (2017)	Employed in Industry (2022)	% Change (2017 - 2022)	% of Total Jobs in Industry (2017)	Median Hourly Earnings	Typical Entry Level Education
Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	1,429	1,469	3%	75.5%	\$12.17	High school diploma or equivalent
Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	222	233	5%	11.7%	\$10.35	No formal educational credential
Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	28	30	7%	1.5%	\$11.00	No formal educational credential
Agricultural Equipment Operators	23	26	13%	1.2%	\$14.44	No formal educational credential
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	17	17	0%	0.9%	\$16.40	Some college, no degree

The above list represents the top five occupations and a five year outlook in the Crop and Animal Production Industry.

### Western Slope Competitive Wage Analysis

Description	Annual Openings	Available Applicants	Applicants per job opening	Pct. 10 Hourly Earnings	Pct. 25 Hourly Earnings	Avg. Hourly Earnings	Pct. 75 Hourly Earnings	Pct. 90 Hourly Earnings
Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	160	4	0.0	\$9.09	\$10.96	\$12.23	\$13.43	\$15.36
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	95	187	2.0	\$10.65	\$13.36	\$17.06	\$20.33	\$24.38
Agricultural Equipment Operators	8	11	1.4	\$10.31	\$12.57	\$13.43	\$14.45	\$14.79
Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	78	24	0.3	\$8.43	\$8.82	\$11.66	\$12.96	\$17.11
Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	8	44	5.5	\$8.57	\$8.96	\$12.06	\$13.08	\$17.57

Counties included in Western Slope: Mesa, Eagle, Summit, Garfield, Lake, Gunnison, Montrose, San Miguel, and Delta Counties  
 Source: EMSI, Connecting Colorado

This table shows the relationship between the available labor pool and current employment in the key occupations. This can also be understood as the shortage or surplus of labor in each occupation.

The average and percentile wage salary ranges are actual wage levels for those occupations, across all industry groups within the regions.

In the table above, the wage rates highlighted in yellow represent wage scales which may have to be paid to new hires based on low or high regional demand for each of the key occupations.