

prowers *county*

Prowers County couples agricultural heritage with the promise of renewable energy. Panoramic views of corn, alfalfa and dryland wheat fields are punctuated with the graceful motion of wind turbines. At the heart of the Wind Corridor, the Colorado Green Wind Power Project is one of the largest wind farms in the state.

The county seat of Lamar has one of the southeast region's highest concentrations of stores and restaurants. Businesses that market their goods outside the immediate area can get shipments out swiftly via the Ports-to-Plains corridor.

One of the area's leading educational institutions, Lamar Community College helps prepare students for professional pursuits and enriches the lives of community members. The college also serves as Northern Hemispheric headquarters for the Pierre Auger Cosmic Ray Observatory, an international effort to study energy from the solar system.

Historic attractions bring visitors to Prowers County. A high concentration of New Deal era WPA projects can be found in the area, along with Lamar's Madonna of the Trail monument honoring pioneer women.

Camp Amache National Historic Landmark was the site of the nation's smallest World War II Japanese-American internment camp. 7,597 inmates, two-thirds of whom were U.S. citizens, lived in prison-like barracks surrounded by barbed-wire fences. Today, the site is a place for reflection and learning about tolerance.

Prowers County is also a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts, with access to a wealth of nearby parks, trails and open plains.



Population¹

Total	13,410
Granada	584
Hartman	103
Holly	945
Lamar	8,004
Wiley	447

Workforce²

Labor force	6,860
Employment rate	96.3%

County Taxes

Sales Tax ³	1.0%
Mill Levy Rate ⁴	27.17 mills

Sources:
¹U.S. Census Bureau, 2007
²Colorado Department of Labor, 2007
³Colorado Department of Revenue, 2009
⁴Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Property Taxation, 2008

Attractions, Recreation & Events

Attractions

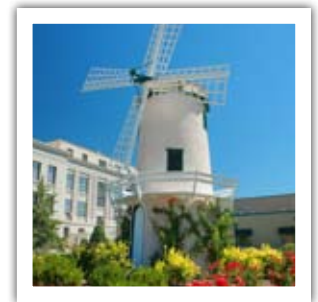
- Big Timbers Museum
- Camp Amache National Historic Landmark
- Holly Museum
- Lamar Theater
- Madonna of the Plains
- New Deal Era Historic Structures
- Prairie Sky Art Gallery
- Shore Arts Center

Recreation

- Spreading Antlers Golf Course
- Willow Creek Park

Events

- Air Show & Fly-In
- Bristol/Granada Days
- Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- Farm, Home & Garden Show
- High Plains Snow Goose & Birding Festival
- Holly Bluegrass Festival
- Holly Days
- Lamar Days
- May Valley Speedway
- Oktoberfest
- Parade of Lights
- Prowers County Fair
- Sand & Sage Fair & Rodeo
- Southeast Colorado Art Guild Show
- Two-Shot Celebrity Goose Hunt
- Wiley Hay Days



business profile: **Colorado Mills**

In 2009, Colorado Mills was named one of 50 "Colorado Companies to Watch." The extraction company uses an innovative zero-waste natural pressure process to produce transfat-free seed oil. The 7,000 gallons of oil generated each day by Colorado Mills are used in natural, organic and kosher-certified foods, as well as in hand creams and lip balms. One of the few processors of its kind in the country to use the entire seed, the company makes all-natural livestock feed from the remaining fiber, supplying nourishment for 66,000 head of cattle at more than 300 ranches.