



WELD COUNTY: ON THE MAP!

- Greeley/Weld MSA was the second-fastest growing in the nation 2000—2008 (U.S. Census Bureau)
- Greeley/Weld MSA identified as #1 in the country for five-year income growth (Forbes Magazine, Best Places for Business and Careers, March, 2008)
- Greeley identified as #20 on list of U.S. 200 largest metros Best Performing Cities, including #10 for 1-year job growth (Milken Institute 2008 Best Performing Cities, released November, 2009)
- Greeley/Weld MSA identified as #29 overall among top 200 U.S. metros—an ranking improvement of 28 positions during the past two years (Forbes Magazine, Best Places for Business and Careers, April, 2010)
- Greeley/Weld MSA ranks as the #25 “Best U.S. City for Doing Business Today”, out of a list of 335 MSA’s throughout the country. (Inc.com, July, 2008)
- Weld County identified as #2 in the nation for weekly wage growth (10.4%) for second quarter, 2008, compared to same quarter of previous year (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, January, 2009)
- Weld County primary employers announced the creation of more than 5,700 new jobs between 2007 and 2009, with new capital investment of more than \$1 billion
- Weld County is the north American manufacturing headquarters of Vestas, of Denmark—the world’s wind industry leader, with three of Colorado’s four Vestas manufacturing plants
- Greeley is north American headquarters of the world’s largest beef producer, JBS
- Weld County leads all of Colorado, with more than 13,000 active oil and gas wells
- Weld County is one of the top ten agricultural product producers in the country (#8)—the only one not located in California
- University of Northern Colorado Orchestra rated the #1 University orchestra in the country five out of the last eight years
- University of Northern Colorado’s Monfort College of Business the only U.S. business college to receive Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award
- Eight of the ten fastest-growing cities in Colorado during 2000—2005 are located in Weld County (Rocky Mountain News)
 - Firestone grew 236%, making it the fastest-growing city in Colorado
 - Erie—96%
 - Frederick—168%
 - Evans--84%
 - Johnstown
 - Milliken—94%
 - Severance—219%
 - Windsor—50%