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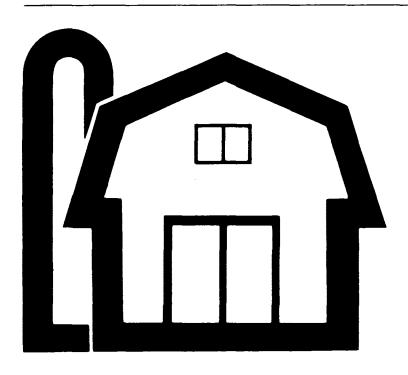
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#### HISTORY

The census of agriculture provides a periodic statistical picture of the Nation's farming, ranching, and related activities. The 1982 Census of Agriculture is the 22d taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

The first agriculture census was taken in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census of population. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census. A separate mid-decade census of agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, and 1945. From 1954 to 1974, a census of agriculture was taken for the years ending in 4 and 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year to coincide with the 1982 Economic Censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. After 1982, the agriculture census will revert to a 5-year cycle and be taken covering years ending in 2 and 7.

#### **USES OF THE CENSUS**

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agriculture and the only source of consistent, comparable data about agriculture at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress in developing and changing farm programs and for determining the effects of these programs. Many national and State programs affecting agriculture are designed or allocated on the basis of census data, such as funds for extension services, research, and soil conservation projects. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the farm community.

#### **AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED**

The census of agriculture is required by law under title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191, which directs that the census be taken in 1979, in 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983 covering the prior year. The 1982 census includes each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

#### **FARM DEFINITION**

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes were first established, the farm definition has been changed nine times. The current definition, first used for the 1974 final reports, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year. The previous definition (used for the 1959, 1964, and 1969 censuses, and for the 1974 preliminary reports) was any place with less than 10 acres from which \$250 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year, or any place of 10 acres or more from which \$50 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year.

#### COMPARABILITY OF DATA

All censuses since 1969 were conducted primarily by mail. To improve the coverage of the 1978 census, especially in counting the number of small farms, the mailout/mailback enumeration was supplemented by the direct enumeration of all households in approximately 6,400 sample segments in rural areas in all States, except Alaska and Hawaii. Due to budget reductions, the direct enumeration area sample was eliminated for 1982.

The U.S. region, and State data for 1978 shown in the 1978 Census of Agriculture publications included data for farms represented on the mail list plus estimates from the area sample for farms not on the mail list. The 1978 county data included only farms represented on the mail list as the sample was not large enough to provide reliable estimates for each county.

To provide comparable data for 1982 and 1978, estimates from the 1978 area sample have been subtracted from the 1978 data. Thus, the 1978 data in this report include only farms represented on the mail list. Appendix B includes a detailed discussion of the effect of the area sample on census comparability.

In general, data for 1982, 1978, and 1974 are not fully comparable with data for 1969 and earlier censuses due to changes in the farm definition. Data on acreages and inventories for 1982 and 1978 are generally comparable. Dollar figures shown for expenses and agricultural product sales have not been adjusted for changes in price levels between census years.

#### TABULAR PRESENTATION

State data-in chapter 1, State tables 1 through 43 show detailed State level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more past censuses. Tables 44 through 50 provide 1982 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

County data-Selected data items are presented by county in chapter 2. Tables 1 through 16 include general data for all counties. The counties are listed in alphabetical order in the

column headings. In tables 17 through 36, only counties reporting the data item are included in the table stub. Counties not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, are not listed separately. Data for these counties are combined and presented as "all other counties."

#### PRELIMINARY REPORTS

Preliminary reports have been published separately for each county with 10 farms or more in 1982, each State, and the United States. This series provided, at the earliest possible date, information on major data items together with comparable final data from the 1978 census. The data items were standard except in tables 4 and 5 where the selected crops varied by State according to their relative importance.

For farms, land in farms, livestock inventories, and other major items at the county level, differences between the preliminary and final figures are generally less than 5 percent. At the State level, differences are significantly less.

#### MICROFICHE AND COMPUTER TAPES

The data in this report and final data for individual counties are available on microfiche. The final microfiche county tables have the same format as the county preliminary report. Also, computer tapes are available for the same summary statistics that are found in the preliminary and volume 1 reports. Microfiche reports are sold by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Computer tapes are sold by the Customer Services Branch, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

#### **UNPUBLISHED DATA**

Copies of computer printouts of the following unpublished county summary tables are available:

Land in Farms With Cropland Harvested and Land in Farms and Cropland Harvested on Irrigated Farms, by Size of Farm: 1982

Owned and Rented Land-Farms, Land in Farms, and Value of Land and Buildings: 1982

Farms With Grazing Permits: 1982

Other special unpublished tables and summaries on computer tape can be developed to individual user specifications.

Inquiries about the availability and cost of unpublished tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

#### **CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES**

In keeping with the provisions of title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a disclosure, so this information may be given even though other information is withheld.

#### **DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS**

Appendix A includes definitions and explanations of selected terms used in the tables.

#### "SEE TEXT" REFERENCE

Items in the tables which are followed by the reference "see text" are explained or defined in appendix A.

#### INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

#### ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

_	Represents	zero.
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Withheld to avoid disclosing data for (D) individual farms.

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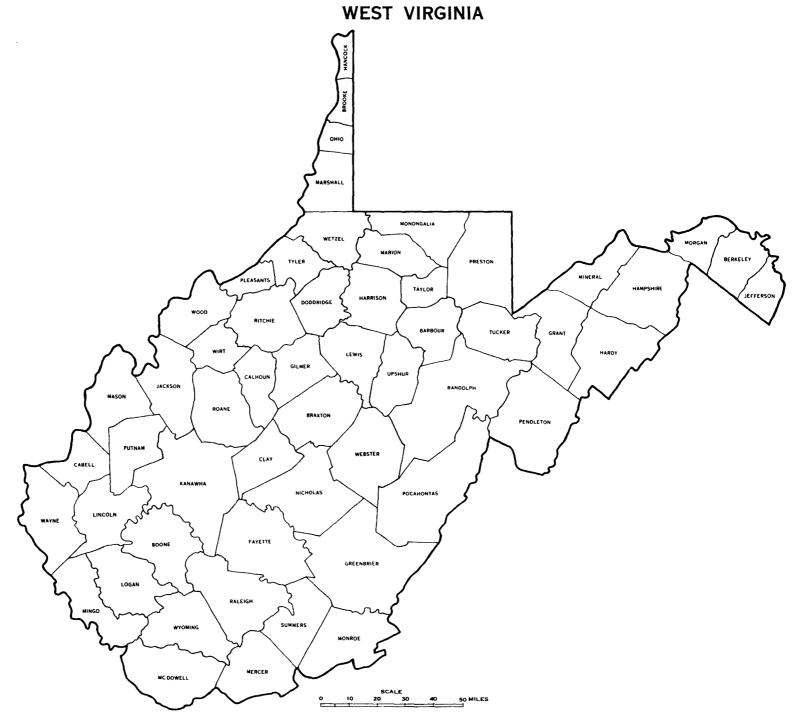
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(NA) Not available.

(IC) Independent city.

Hundredweight. cwt.

Square feet. sq. ft.



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### Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1982 and 1978

[Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

		of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]  All farms			Farms with sales of \$10,000 or more		
ltem	1982	1978	Percent change from 1978 to 1982	1982	1978	Percent change from 1978 to 1982	
Farmsnumber Land in farmsacres Average size of farmacres	18 742	17 475	7.3	2 784	2 687	3.6	
	3 559 051	3 529 266	.8	1 229 755	1 204 953	2.1	
	190	202	-5.9	442	448	~1.3	
Value of land and buildings¹: Average per farmdollars Average per acredollars	129 390	119 153	8.6	331 149	275 694	20.1	
	688	583	18.0	734	609	20.5	
Farms by size: 1 to 9 acres 10 to 49 acres 50 to 179 acres 180 to 499 acres 500 to 999 acres 1,000 to 1,999 acres 2,000 acres or more	580	512	13.3	82	84	-2.4	
	3 073	2 308	33.1	133	95	40.0	
	8 984	8 421	6.7	638	562	13.5	
	4 819	4 940	-2.4	1 148	1 164	-1.4	
	977	991	-1.4	540	543	6	
	247	244	1.2	188	185	1.6	
	62	59	5.1	55	54	1.9	
Harvested cropland farms_acres_lrrigated land acres_acres_	16 446	15 890	3.5	2 554	2 486	2.7	
	576 889	560 652	2.9	264 744	240 034	10.3	
	135	116	16.4	54	43	25.6	
	945	1 236	-23.5	667	735	-9.3	
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000_ Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products \$1,000_ Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000_ \$1,000_	242 127	193 710	25.0	199 385	152 182	31.0	
	5 552	5 391	3.0	1 225	1 076	13.8	
	57 203	44 832	27.6	48 435	36 836	31.5	
	14 665	14 343	2.2	2 555	2 479	3.1	
	184 923	148 877	24.2	150 950	115 346	30.9	
Farms by standard industrial classification:  Cash grains (011) Field crops, except cash grains (013) Vegetables and melons (016) Fruits and tree nuts (017) Horticultural specialties (018) General farms, primarily crop (019) Livestock, except dairy, poultry, and animal specialties (021) Dairy farms (024) Poultry and eggs (025) Animal specialties (027) General farms, primarily livestock (029)	468 2 301 120 255 142 1 146 12 667 577 325 384 357	318 2 387 113 286 154 744 12 115 659 310 226 163	47.2 -3.6 6.2 -10.8 54.0 4.6 -12.4 4.8 69.9	139 160 1 8 102 74 42 1 477 522 215 32 13	74 122 15 115 67 28 1 464 558 211 23	87.8 31.1 -46.7 -11.3 10.4 50.0 .9 -6.5 1.9 39.1 30.0	
Farms by type of organization: Individual or family	17 336	16 046	8.0	2 327	2 228	4.4	
	1 134	1 216	-6.7	325	337	-3.6	
	180	140	28.6	125	111	12.6	
	92	73	26.0	7	11	-36.4	
Tenure of operator: Full owners Part owners Tenants	14 373	13 409	7.2	1 463	1 416	3.3	
	3 587	3 330	7.7	1 146	1 090	5.1	
	782	736	6.3	175	181	-3.3	
Operators by principal occupation: FarmingOther	7 117	6 586	8.1	1 918	1 827	5.0	
	11 625	10 889	6.8	866	860	.7	
Selected farm production expenses¹:         \$1,000           Feed for livestock and poultry         \$1,000           Commercial fertilizer         \$1,000           Other agricultural chemicals²         \$1,000           Energy and petroleum products         \$1,000           Hired farm labor         \$1,000	51 915	40 533	28.1	44 978	34 219	31.4	
	10 226	9 184	11.4	7 427	5 864	26.6	
	5 024	4 521	11.1	4 328	3 394	27.5	
	20 226	13 488	50.0	12 325	7 796	58.1	
	20 340	16 643	22.2	16 820	13 569	24.0	
Livestock and poultry inventory:  Cattle and calves farms  Number_  Milk cows farms	15 123	13 938	8.5	2 344	2 265	3.5	
	455 173	428 763	6.2	217 195	204 810	6.0	
	2 901	3 263	-11.1	796	898	-11.4	
Hogs and pigs farms  Chickens 3 months old or older farms	34 776	36 040	-3.5	30 179	30 608	-1.4	
	1 981	2 641	-25.0	438	527	-16.9	
	33 881	51 769	-34.6	21 997	32 718	-32.8	
	3 215	3 539	-9.2	318	403	-21.1	
number Crops harvested:	531 398	534 499	6	451 517	430 803	4.8	
Corn for grain or seed	3 670	3 625	1.2	1 135	1 085	4.6	
	82 176	61 181	34.3	65 425	45 044	45.2	
	1 703	1 870	-8.9	1 054	1 098	-4.0	
acresfarmsacresfarmsacres	37 854	36 807	2.8	32 081	30 263	6.0	
	408	500	-18.4	229	239	-4.2	
	7 141	5 358	33.3	5 662	3 955	43.2	
Oats for grain	790	882	-10.4	300	328	-8.5	
	7 594	7 305	4.0	4 727	4 238	11.5	
	1 314	1 145	14.8	148	85	74.1	
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	1 877 14 764	1 351 14 486	38.9 1.9	586 2 262	258 2 225	127.5	
acres_	419 964	427 056	-1.7	135 215	135 226	(Z)	
Land in orchards farms_	775	907	-14.6	150	174	-13.8	
acres_	22 878	22 648	1.0	20 274	20 323	2	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms. <sup>2</sup>Data for 1978 include the cost of lime which was not collected in 1982.