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## Appendix C. Statistical Methodology

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### THE SCREENING PHASE AND THE MAIL LIST MODEL

The 1997 Census of Agriculture featured a pre-census screening phase that surveyed selected records, by mail or telephone, for presence or absence of agricultural activity. Records selected for screening had a low probability of qualifying as farms. All records responding to the screener and reporting no agricultural activity were removed from the census mail list. Eliminating nonfarm records from the mail list reduced respondent burden and data collection costs.

The screening phase included nearly 500,000 records. Records were selected for screening using one of the following criteria:

- 1) Records on selected agriculture specialty lists that had no other list source,
- 2) Records identified by a mail list model as having a low probability of being a farm.

A mail list model predicted the probability that an addressee on the 1997 preliminary census mail list operated a farm. The model defined groups based on combinations of characteristics such as source(s) of the mail list record, expected value of agricultural production, and geographic location. Farm proportions were estimated for these groups by calculating the proportion of 1992 census respondent records that were farms which exhibited the characteristics defined by the group. This proportion, also called the in-scope rate, provided an estimate of the probability that an addressee in the group operated a farm.

Each address record on the 1997 preliminary census mail list was assigned to a model group by matching record characteristics to model group characteristics. Records belonging to the groups with the highest farm probability were those more likely to be farms. Records with a farm probability of approximately 30 percent or less were selected for screening, along with records included on selected agriculture specialty lists as noted above.

Before screening, the preliminary census mail list consisted of 3,314,790 records. There were 478,298 records selected for screening. Of these, 125,570 records were determined to be nonfarms as a result of the screening phase and were removed. These records were removed from the final census mail list. The remaining 3,189,220 records received census report forms.

### CENSUS SAMPLE DESIGN

All name and address records on the final census mail list were designated to receive a 1997 Census of Agriculture report form. Two different types of census report forms, sample and nonsample, were used to collect data. Sections 1 through 20 and 28 through 32 of the sample form were identical to sections on the nonsample census form. Sample form sections 21 through 27 contained additional questions on usage of fertilizers and chemicals, farm production expenditures, value of machinery and equipment, value of land and buildings, farm-related income, and hired workers. There were 11 regional versions of the nonsample form and 13 regional versions of the sample form with listings of crops varying by region. These different forms were used to reduce the response burden of the census, while providing reliable information on a large number of data items.

The sample form was mailed to all mail list records in Alaska, Hawaii, and Rhode Island and to a sample of records in other States selected from the final mail list. Mail list records were selected into the sample with certainty if they (1) were expected to have large total value of agricultural products sold or large acreage, (2) were multi-unit operations (i.e., separate farms producing under one company organization), (3) were in a county with less than 100 farms in 1992, or (4) had other special characteristics. Farms with special characteristics were abnormal farms, such as institutional farms, experimental and research farms, and Indian reservations. Mail list records in counties containing 100 to 199 farms in 1992 were systematically sampled at a rate of 1 in 2; records in counties containing 200 to 299 farms in 1992 were systematically sampled at a rate of 1 in 4; and records in counties containing 300 or more farms in 1992 were systematically sampled at a rate of 1 in 6. The remaining mail list records not chosen to receive the sample form received the nonsample census form. This differential sampling scheme was used to provide reliable data for the sample sections of the report form for all counties.

### EDITING DATA AND IMPUTATION FOR ITEM NONRESPONSE

The census of agriculture complex edit and imputation system is an automated computerized system that performed the following functions:

- Ensured reasonable relationships between/among data items, values for various sizes of farms, combinations of commodities, and economic interactions.
- Ensured necessary consistencies were present (there were more than 70 distinct consistency requirements).
- Ensured climatic, geographic, legal, and physical constraints were met.

The system performed these and similar functions for more than 900 data key codes for sample records and approximately 850 data key codes for nonsample records.

For the 1997 Census of Agriculture, as in previous censuses, all reported data were keyed and then edited by computer. The edits were used to determine whether the reports met the minimum criteria to be counted as farms in the census. The complex edit and imputation system provided the basis for deciding to accept, impute (supply), delete, or alter the reported value for each data record item.

Whenever possible, edit imputations, deletions, and changes were based on component or related data on the respondent's report form. For some items, such as operator characteristics, data for that record from the previous census were used when available. Values for other missing or unacceptable reported data items were calculated based on reported quantities and known fixed price parameters.

When these and similar methods were not available and values had to be supplied, the imputation process used information reported for another farm operation in a geographically adjacent area with characteristics similar to those of the farm operation with incomplete data. For example, a farm operation that reported acres of corn harvested, but did not report quantity of corn harvested, was assigned the same bushels of corn per acre harvested as that of the last nearby farm with similar characteristics that reported acceptable yields during that particular execution of the computer edit. The imputation for missing items in each section of the report form was conducted separately; thus, assigned values for one operation could come from more than one respondent.

Prior to the imputation operation, a set of default values and relationships was assigned to the possible imputation variables. The relationships and values varied depending on the item being imputed. For example, different default values were assigned for several Standard Industrial Classifications and total value of sales categories when imputing hired farm labor expenses. These values and item relationships for the possible imputation variables were stored in the computer in a series of matrices.

Each execution of the computer edit consisted of records from only one State sorted by reported State and county. For a given execution of the edit, the stored entries in the various matrices were retained in memory only until a succeeding record having acceptable characteristics for the same sections of the report form was processed by the

computer. Then the acceptable responses of the succeeding operation replaced those previously stored. When a record processed through the edit had unreported or unacceptable data, the record was assigned the last acceptable ratio or response from an operation with a similar set of characteristics. Once each execution of the computer edit for a State was completed, the possible imputation variables were reset to the default values and relationships for subsequent executions. An edit run usually consisted of 10,000 or more records.

After the initial computer edit, all keyed reports not meeting the census farm definition were reviewed to ensure that the data had been keyed correctly. Edit referrals were generated for 17 percent of the reports included as farms; they were reviewed for keying accuracy and to ensure that the computer edit actions were correct. If the results of the computer edit were not acceptable, corrections were made and the record re-edited.

## CENSUS ESTIMATION

The 1997 Census of Agriculture used two types of statistical estimation procedures to account for whole farm nonresponse and sample data collection. The procedures were necessary because some farm operators did not respond to the census despite numerous attempts to contact them, and estimates for certain data items were based on a sample of farm operators rather than a full enumeration.

### Whole Farm Nonresponse Estimation

Whole farm nonresponse to the census occurred when a response was never received for a record. If the record was a large farm, as defined by value of production or acreage, or a unique farm operation, intensive telephone or personal followup was conducted during census processing to obtain a response. If these attempts failed, either the NASS survey database, the census historic database, or other more current sources were used to impute data for the record.

During mail list development, the State Statistical Offices (SSOs), in an effort to reduce respondent burden, identified records that participated in multiple NASS surveys and/or situations where there were special reporting relationships between an enumerator and a respondent. These records were referred to as tagged records. The SSOs had full responsibility for the data collection for these records, including imputation of data for the record if a response was not obtainable.

Whole farm nonresponse that occurred within the remaining universe of records was accounted for by a statistical weighting procedure. The weights of the responding farms were adjusted to account for farms that did not respond. The information needed for this process was obtained from the 1997 Nonresponse Survey. The SSOs conducted the nonresponse survey using computer-assisted telephone interviewing (Blaise-CATI) or personal enumeration when telephone contact was not possible. Alaska and Rhode

Island were not eligible for the survey because all nonrespondents were subject to extensive followup. In these cases, data were collected by telephone or other methods. The nonresponse survey collected information from a sample of census nonrespondents to determine farm status and estimate the proportion of farms in the nonresponse universe. The information was then used to estimate the number of nonresponding farm operations by State and county.

The 1997 Nonresponse Survey consisted of a stratified systematic sample of the nonresponse records within each State. The sample was selected near the end of the census follow-up operations. Five strata were defined to be homogeneous on probability of farm status and were based on screener status, total value produced, and list source(s) of the mail list record.

Based on survey results, estimates of the proportion of census nonrespondents operating farms were made for each stratum in the State. The estimates were applied to the total number of census nonrespondents in that stratum, providing a State estimate of the number of census nonrespondents that operated farms. The number of census nonrespondents that operated farms was then derived for each county by stratum. This estimation procedure assumed that the distribution of farms in a stratum by county was the same for census nonrespondents as for census respondents.

Within each stratum in a county, a noninteger nonresponse weight was calculated and assigned to each eligible respondent farm record. Census respondent farms that were designated as large farms or tagged records or as farms that exhibited "rare" commodities were ineligible to represent nonrespondent farms and were excluded from the nonresponse weighting procedure. These records were assigned nonresponse weights of 1.0.

The noninteger nonresponse weight is the ratio of the sum of the estimated number of nonrespondent farms from the nonresponse survey and the number of eligible census respondent farms, divided by the number of eligible census respondent farms. Stratum controls were established to ensure that this weight never exceeded 2.0. For the published tabulations of the complete count items, the noninteger nonresponse weight was randomly rounded to an integer weight of either 1 or 2 for each record. For the sample count items, the noninteger nonresponse weight was used in the calculation of the final sample weight.

Table A quantifies the effect of the nonresponse estimation procedure on selected census data items. The percentages in this table are percents of the census values contributed by nonresponse estimation. These indicate the potential for bias in published figures resulting from nonresponse to the census. The estimates provided in this table do not reflect the effect of item nonresponse to individual census data items. The effect of this item nonresponse is discussed in the "Census Nonsampling Error" section.

## Sample Estimation

Sample data estimation determined the population totals that would have resulted from a complete census for the items in sections 21 through 27 of the sample form. The estimates were obtained from a weighting procedure that assigned a weight to each respondent record containing sample items. For any given county, a sample item total was estimated by multiplying the data items for each farm in the county by the corresponding sample weight and summing over all sample records.

Each respondent sample farm was assigned a sample weight for use in producing estimates for all sample items. For example, if the weight given to a sample farm had the value 6, all sample data items reported by that farm were multiplied by 6.

The noninteger sample weight is calculated for each respondent sample farm by multiplying the noninteger nonrespondent weight by the sampling factor. For published tabulations of the sample count items, the noninteger sample weight was randomly rounded to an integer weight for each record. For certainty farms, the sampling factor equals 1 so the sample weight is just equal to the nonresponse weight. Sampling factor calculation for non-certainty farms is described below.

Within a county, the weighting procedure for non-certainty farms was performed in three steps using three variables. The first variable contained eight 1997 total value of agricultural production (TVP) groups. The second and third variables, Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code and farm acreage, contained two groups. The three sets of groups were:

TVP	SIC	Acres
\$1 to \$999	01, 08 All crops	1 to 69
\$1,000 to \$2,499	02 All livestock	70 or more
\$2,500 to \$4,999		
\$5,000 to \$9,999		
\$10,000 to \$24,999		
\$25,000 to \$49,999		
\$50,000 to \$99,999		
\$100,000 or more		

The first step in the estimation procedure classified the sample records into 32 mutually exclusive initial strata formed by the three variable groups. The total and sample farm counts were expanded to account for nonresponse. Each cell containing sample farm records was assigned an initial sample factor equal to the ratio of the total farm count to the sample farm count. This factor was approximately equal to the inverse of the probability of selecting a farm for the census sample.

The second step in the estimation procedure combined, when necessary, the 32 initial strata to increase the reliability of the weighting procedure. Any stratum that contained less than 10 sample farms or had a factor greater than twice the mail sample rate was collapsed with another stratum. The mail sample rate was either 2, 4, or 6,

depending on whether the county had a 1 in 2, 1 in 4, or 1 in 6 sample selection rate. The collapsing occurred within the 32 initial strata according to a specified collapsing pattern. After the collapsing process was completed, new total farm counts and sample farm counts were computed from each final strata and used to calculate final sample factors.

The final step calculated the noninteger sample weight as the product of the final sampling factor and the noninteger nonresponse weight. As described previously, the noninteger sample weight for each record is randomly rounded to an integer weight which is used in published tabulations. For example, if the final weight for a farm was 7.2, then the record would be rounded to either 7 or 8.

## CENSUS SAMPLING ERROR

The sample for the 1997 Census of Agriculture was only one of a large number of possible samples of the same size that could have been selected using the same sample design. In this context, "sample" refers to the sample for both the nonresponse survey and the selection of farms to receive sample forms.

The standard error, or sampling error, of a survey estimate is a measure of the variation among the estimates from all possible samples. It is a measure of precision - that is, how well an estimate from a particular sample approximates the true population parameter. The percent relative standard error of an estimate is defined as the standard error of the estimate divided by the value of the estimate, then multiplied by 100. The true population parameter can be defined or conceptualized several different ways. One way is to think of the true population parameter as the average result of all possible samples (selected using a given sample design). A second way is to think of the true population parameter as the figure obtained from carrying out a complete enumeration of the population.

If all possible samples were selected, each of the samples surveyed under essentially the same conditions, and an estimate and its standard error calculated from each sample, then:

1. Approximately 90 percent of the intervals from 1.65 standard errors below the estimate to 1.65 standard errors above the estimate would include the true population parameter.
2. Approximately 95 percent of the intervals from 1.96 standard errors below the estimate to 1.96 standard errors above the estimate would include the true population parameter.

The following example illustrates the computations necessary to produce a confidence statement for an estimate. Assume that the estimate of number of farms for a State is 94,382 and the relative standard error of the estimate is 0.1 percent (0.001). Multiplying 94,382 by 0.001 yields 94, the standard error; therefore, a 90-percent confidence interval is 94,227 to 94,537 (i.e., 94,382 plus or minus 1.65 x 94).

If corresponding confidence intervals were constructed for all possible samples of the same size and design, approximately 90 percent of these intervals would contain the true population parameter. Similarly, a 95-percent confidence interval is 94,198 to 94,566 (i.e., 94,382 plus or minus 1.96 x 94).

Census items were classified as either complete count or sample count items. All farm operators were asked the complete count items. Examples of complete count items were: land in farms, harvested cropland, livestock inventory and sales, crop acreage, quantities harvested and crop sales, land use, irrigation, government loans and payments, conservation acreage, type of organization, and operator characteristics.

Only a sample of farm operators were asked the sample count items. These items appeared only in sections 21 through 27 of the sample form. Sample count items were included under the following section headings: commercial fertilizers, chemicals, production expenses, farm machinery and equipment, value of land and buildings, farm-related income, and hired workers.

Variability in the estimates of complete count items was due only to the nonresponse survey estimation procedure. With regard to the estimates of sample count items, variability was due to both the nonresponse survey estimation procedure and the census sample selection and estimation procedure. Therefore, variability in the sample count item estimates tends to be larger than the variability in the complete count item estimates. Percent relative standard error is a common measure of variability.

Table B provides the generalized reliability estimates of the estimated number of farms in a county that reported complete count and sample count items. The top half of the table shows the percent relative standard errors for estimated number of farms in a county that reported a complete count item, and the bottom half relates to sample count items. These reliability estimates are derived from regression equations. Separate regression equations were used to produce each section of table B. Each regression equation was fit with the estimated number of farms in a county reporting an item as the independent variable and the relative variance of that estimate as the dependent variable for the appropriate counties in the State. To illustrate the use of this table, assume that the estimate of the number of farms reporting hogs and pigs for a particular county, as given in county table 15, is 89. Since hogs and pigs is a complete count data item, refer to the first part of table B and use the estimated percent relative standard error of the estimate from the row with farm count equal to or just less than the estimated number of farms, 89. For this example, the percent relative standard error of the estimate comes from the row for 75 farms reporting. For sample count items, follow the same procedure using the second part of table B. For counties with fewer than 100 farms in the 1992 Census of Agriculture, variability in sample count

item estimates came only from nonresponse survey estimation procedures. The estimated relative standard error for a sample count item in these counties may be obtained using the first part of table B.

Use caution when referring to the "Sample Count Item" section of table B to make inferences on counties. Some counties may have been sampled at the rate of 1 in 2 or 1 in 4, but the reliability estimates shown were computed using only data from counties sampled at the rate of 1 in 6. Therefore, the reliability estimates shown would likely be overstated (or conservative) if the county was actually sampled at a higher rate.

Table C presents the percent relative standard error of selected State data items for all farms, and table D presents the percent relative standard error of selected State data items for all farms with sales of \$10,000 or more.

Table E presents the standard error for percent change in State totals from 1992 to 1997. The general purpose of the percent change estimate is to provide a relative measure of the difference in a characteristic between censuses. The relative change for a given characteristic is defined as the ratio of the difference of the 1997 and the 1992 estimate for that characteristic to the 1992 estimate. This ratio is multiplied by 100 to obtain the percent change. The standard error of a percent change estimate is the standard error of the ratio multiplied by 100.

Table F presents the percent relative standard error for State and county totals for selected data items. The percent relative standard error of the estimate for the same item differs among counties in the State. Reasons for this are differences among counties in the (1) total number of farms, (2) number of large farms included with certainty, (3) size classifications of the farms sampled, (4) amount of nonresponse, (5) general agricultural characteristics, and (6) specific characteristic being measured.

The farm counts and related estimates displayed in tables A through F relate to unadjusted census totals. These totals are the same as the "Census total" displayed in the first column of table G (which will be discussed later in this appendix).

For most of the tables in this appendix, and also many of the tables throughout the publication, there is a footnote that reads "Data are based on a sample of farms." The table entries that this footnote relate to are estimates of totals. To illustrate, suppose that the entry "other farm-related income" is shown with this footnote and has some number of farms given. This number given would represent an estimated total number of farms with "other farm-related income," based on the farms that were in the sample. This number should not be interpreted as the number of farms in the sample that have "other farm-related income."

## CENSUS NONSAMPLING ERROR

The accuracy of the census counts is affected jointly by sampling errors (described in the previous section) and nonsampling errors. Extensive efforts were made to compile a complete and accurate mail list for the census, to

design an understandable report form with instructions, and to minimize processing errors through the use of quality control measures. Nonsampling errors arise from many sources, including respondent or enumerator error or incorrect data keying, editing, or imputing for missing data. These nonsampling errors are further discussed in this section. Nonsampling error due to mail list incompleteness and duplication as well as misclassification of records on the mail list is called coverage error. The section titled "Coverage Evaluation" discusses the evaluation studies conducted to measure the extent of this error in the census.

### Respondent and Enumerator Error

Incorrect or incomplete responses to the census report form or to the questions posed by an enumerator can introduce error into the census data. To reduce reporting error, detailed instructions for completing the report form were provided to each respondent. Questions were phrased as clearly as possible based on previous tests of the report form. In addition, each respondent's answers were checked for completeness and consistency by the complex edit and imputation system.

### Item Nonresponse

As information flowed from data collection to tabulation, various types of item nonresponses were identified on the census report forms. Nonresponse to particular questions on the census report form that logically should have been present created a type of nonsampling error in both complete count and sample count data. In this case, information from a similar farm was used to impute for these missing data items. The resulting data may have been biased if the characteristics of the nonreporting respondents were different from those of reporting respondents for those items.

### Processing Error

All phases of processing for each census report form were potential sources for the introduction of nonsampling error. An automated check-in recorded that the report had been returned and excluded from further followup mailings. Approximately one-third of the mail returns were reviewed to resolve questions dealing with multiple reports, respondent remarks, or no reported data. The remaining mail returns (about two-thirds) were batched and sent directly to data keying, along with some of the reviewed cases containing farm data. Keyed records were transmitted, formatted, and run through the complex edit and imputation system. About one-fifth of all forms edited were clerically reviewed for inconsistencies, omissions, or questionable values. While reviewing these forms, the edit review staff determined if the action taken by the computer edit and imputation system was correct. Edited records were tabulated to the county level. Each county was reviewed and, when necessary, individual records were corrected prior to publication.

Developing accurate processing methods is complicated by the complex structure of agriculture. Among the complexities are the many places to be included, the variety of arrangements under which farms are operated, the continuing changes in the relationship of operators to the farm operated, the expiration of leases and the initiation or renewal of leases, the problem of obtaining a complete list of agriculture operations, the difficulty of contacting and identifying some types of contractor/contractee relationships, the operator's absence from the farm during the data collection period, and the operator's opinion that part or all of the operation does not qualify and should not be included in the census. During data collection and processing of the census, all operations underwent a number of quality control checks to ensure as accurate an application as possible.

## COVERAGE EVALUATION

### Coverage Overview

The primary objectives of the census of agriculture are to accurately count U.S. farms, measure commodity production and sales, and measure demographic characteristics of farm operators. Since 1945, an evaluation of census coverage has been conducted for each census of agriculture to provide estimates of the completeness of census farm counts. These results help to identify problems and focus improvements for future censuses.

According to coverage evaluation results, the past five censuses of agriculture included an average of 92 percent of U.S. farms and 98 percent of agriculture production. Complete enumeration of agricultural operations satisfying the farm definition of \$1,000 or more in agricultural sales is complicated by the variety of arrangements under which farms are operated, the multiplicity of names used for an operation, the number of operations in which an operator participates, and the difficulty in classifying those operations just around the \$1,000 sales range. In 1997, extensive efforts were made to compile as complete and accurate a mail list as possible, while reducing the duplication and number of nonfarm operations on the list.

The 1997 coverage evaluation program was designed to measure four components of error in the census farm counts. These components include:

1. Undercount due to farms Not on the Mail List (NML)
2. Overcount due to farms Duplicated or enumerated more than once (DUP)
3. Undercount due to farms Incorrectly Classified as nonfarms (ICU)
4. Overcount due to nonfarms Incorrectly Classified as farms (ICO).

The first component, mail list undercount, is by far the largest component of coverage error. Duplication, though occurring far less frequently, can involve larger farms and have a larger impact on acreage and sales estimates. The

last two components involve the misclassification of either farms or nonfarms. Misclassification can arise from errors in either reporting or processing the data.

Table G - Coverage Estimates - illustrates the effect of coverage adjustments on census farm counts by demographic characteristics, land in farms, and total value of sales. The coverage total is defined as the net difference between undercounted and overcounted farms. The adjusted census total is the sum of the census total and the net coverage total. The relative standard error is shown for the final census coverage adjusted number. This number will be similar to the relative standard error for the census number, except when the coverage total is negative or close to zero. The coverage adjustment percentage shows the coverage total as a percentage of total census adjusted farms for that characteristic.

The 1997 Census of Agriculture is the first census to include all four components of coverage error in table G. Previous publications only included the coverage error component due to farms not on the mail list (NML). Because of this, caution should be taken when comparing coverage estimates from table G with previous years. In addition, the coverage total is a negative number for some characteristics. This means that the number of farms overcounted for this characteristic was greater than the number of farms undercounted.

### Area Frame Surveys to Measure Mail List Undercoverage

Names and addresses collected in the 1997 June Agricultural Survey and 1997 Fall Area Survey were used to estimate the undercount due to farms not on the census mail list (NML). These names were matched to the census mail list, and those that did not match were contacted by telephone or person. The enumerator verified whether the operation had reported in the census, and if not, a census of agriculture report form was completed.

The percentage of farms missed in the census varies considerably by State. In general, farms not on the mail list tended to be small in acreage, production, and sales of agricultural products. Farm operations could be missed for various reasons, including the possibility that the operation started after the mail list was developed, the operation may be so small as not to appear in any agriculture-related source lists, or the operation may have been falsely classified as a nonfarm prior to mailout.

### Classification Error Survey to Measure Three Types of Coverage Error

The remaining three types of coverage error were measured by the Classification Error Survey. This survey was used to estimate the number of farms counted more than once (DUP), the number of farms misclassified as nonfarms (ICU), and the number of nonfarms misclassified as farms (ICO). A sample of census of agriculture respondents was selected for reinterview to determine their farm/nonfarm status and collect information to identify

potential duplication. The farm classification from this interview was compared with the classification on the census of agriculture report form. Any differences between these two classifications were reconciled to determine the true farm status. Each operation was reviewed for duplication by matching the additional information received from the reinterview (landlords, tenants, other names, etc.) to the list of census respondents. Potential duplication was reviewed and discrepancies reconciled.

In general, the classification error rate is higher for small farms close to the \$1,000 agricultural sales requirement. This rate is also higher for farms with small acreage (less than 49 acres), higher for tenant farms than for full- or part-owner farms, and higher for farms where farming is not the operator's principal occupation.

### Coverage Estimation

The adjusted census total,  $T$ , is estimated as the census farm count,  $C$ , plus undercount and minus overcount adjustments. Undercount includes 1) farms not on the mail

list (NML) and 2) farms incorrectly classified as nonfarms (ICU). Overcount includes 3) nonfarms incorrectly classified as farms (ICO) and 4) farms duplicated in the census (DUP). Altogether, the adjusted census total is:

$$T = C + (NML + ICU) - (ICO + DUP).$$

In some States, estimates of misclassification of farms owned by operators having rare demographic characteristics were based on particularly small sample sizes. Where such small sample sizes occurred, a form of small area estimation was used in which data from similar States contributed to that State's estimates. In these cases, the coverage totals are weighted totals of the direct State estimate and the direct estimate from the region. Direct estimates were used to the largest extent possible, based on the amount of survey cases available for the particular item being estimated.

**Table A. Percent of State Totals Contributed by Whole Farm Nonresponse Estimation: 1997**

Item	Percent of total	Item	Percent of total
Farms ..... number..	7.1	Corn for grain or seed ..... acres..	2.9
Land in farms ..... acres..	5.7	Wheat for grain ..... acres..	2.8
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000..	5.9	Livestock and poultry inventory:	
Market value of agricultural products sold ..... \$1,000..	2.2	Cattle and calves..... number..	5.6
Harvested cropland..... acres..	5.6	Hogs and pigs .....	3.2
		Layers 20 weeks old and older..... number..	5.8

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

**Table B. Reliability Estimates for Number of Farms in a County Reporting a Complete Count Item or Sample Count Item: 1997**

Farms	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Farms	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
<b>COMPLETE COUNT ITEM</b>			
Number of farms reporting:			
25 .....	4.7	25 .....	40.0
50 .....	2.9	50 .....	28.0
75 .....	1.9	75 .....	22.7
100 .....	1.0	100 .....	19.4
150 .....	.8	150 .....	15.5
200 .....	.7	200 .....	13.2
300 .....	.6	300 .....	10.3
500 .....	.5	500 .....	7.1
750 .....	.4	750 .....	4.9
1,000.....	.3	1,000.....	3.2
1,500.....	(X)	1,500.....	(X)
2,000.....	(X)	2,000.....	(X)

**Table C. Reliability Estimates of State Totals for All Farms: 1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)			
<b>F FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>								
Farms .....	17 772	.4	FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES <sup>1</sup>					
Land in farms .....	3 455 532	.3	Total farm production expenses .....	farms..	17 807 .4			
Average size of farm .....	194	.5	\$1,000..	380 631 .6				
			Average per farm .....	dollars..	21 375 .7			
<b>M MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>								
Total sales (see text) .....	17 772	.4	Livestock and poultry purchased .....	farms..	5 491 2.2			
\$1,000.	447 428	.4	\$1,000..	63 068 1.8				
Average per farm .....	25 176	.4	Feed for livestock and poultry .....	farms..	10 508 1.3			
			\$1,000..	154 556 .6				
Farms by value of sales:			Commercially mixed formula feeds .....	farms..	6 032 2.1			
Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....	3 475	.6	\$1,000..	140 310 .6				
\$1,000.	972	.8						
\$1,000 to \$2,499 .....	4 344	.5	Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	farms..	4 133 2.6			
\$1,000.	7 028	.5	\$1,000..	4 267 3.8				
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	3 415	.5	Commercial fertilizer .....	farms..	9 074 1.5			
\$1,000.	12 132	.6	\$1,000..	11 710 2.9				
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2 863	.6	Agricultural chemicals .....	farms..	3 756 2.8			
\$1,000.	20 028	.6	\$1,000..	4 950 2.6				
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	1 608	.7	Petroleum products .....	farms..	16 807 .5			
\$1,000.	22 018	.7	\$1,000..	16 457 1.2				
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	328	1.4	Electricity .....	farms..	7 454 1.7			
\$1,000.	7 296	1.4	\$1,000..	5 346 1.7				
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....	502	1.1	Hired farm labor .....	farms..	4 513 2.5			
\$1,000.	15 609	1.1	\$1,000..	24 160 1.6				
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	173	1.9	Contract labor .....	farms..	1 080 5.7			
\$1,000.	7 775	1.9	\$1,000..	3 270 4.0				
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	431	1.1	Repair and maintenance .....	farms..	13 407 .9			
\$1,000.	29 766	1.1	\$1,000..	22 093 1.6				
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	312	.8	Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment .....	farms..	2 186 3.8			
\$1,000.	47 926	.7	\$1,000..	4 650 4.1				
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	127	—	Interest .....	farms..	3 991 2.8			
\$1,000.	43 605	—	\$1,000..	21 169 2.5				
\$500,000 or more .....	194	—	Secured by real estate .....	farms..	2 989 3.3			
\$1,000.	233 272	—	\$1,000..	17 374 2.8				
Sales by commodity or commodity group:			Not secured by real estate .....	farms..	1 813 4.2			
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....	6 412	.4	\$1,000..	3 795 3.5				
\$1,000.	64 907	.4	Cash rent .....	farms..	1 958 4.0			
Grains .....	747	.9	\$1,000..	4 316 2.9				
\$1,000.	12 300	.8	Property taxes .....	farms..	17 120 .5			
Corn for grain .....	578	1.0	\$1,000..	10 201 1.5				
\$1,000.	7 813	.8	All other farm production expenses .....	farms..	14 003 .8			
Wheat .....	167	1.6	\$1,000..	30 419 1.3				
\$1,000.	1 336	1.2						
Soybeans .....	156	1.6	<b>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>					
\$1,000.	2 903	1.5	All farms .....	number..	17 807 .4			
Sorghum for grain .....	3	16.5	\$1,000..	57 522 3.4				
\$1,000.	(D)	(D)	Average per farm .....	dollars..	3 230 3.5			
Barley .....	26	4.4	Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> .....	number..	8 070 1.5			
\$1,000.	137	2.9	\$1,000..	98 345 1.4				
Oats .....	79	2.7	Average net gain .....	dollars..	12 186 2.1			
\$1,000.	70	6.5	Farms with net losses .....	number..	9 737 1.3			
Other grains .....	29	4.1	\$1,000..	40 823 2.8				
\$1,000.	(D)	(D)	Average net loss .....	dollars..	4 193 3.1			
Cotton and cottonseed .....	—	—						
\$1,000.			<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>					
Tobacco .....	741	.9	Government payments .....	farms..	1 901 .6			
\$1,000.	4 636	1.4	\$1,000..	3 892 8				
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	4 596	.5	Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> .....	farms..	3 224 3.2			
\$1,000.	12 522	.7	\$1,000..	9 684 5.9				
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	362	1.3	Customwork and other agricultural services .....	farms..	762 7.4			
\$1,000.	1 727	2.1	\$1,000..	2 323 13.7				
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	288	1.4	Gross cash rent or share payments .....	farms..	784 7.6			
\$1,000.	13 806	.4	\$1,000..	1 341 12.8				
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	558	1.1	Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products .....	farms..	815 6.7			
\$1,000.	19 332	.8	\$1,000..	4 837 8.7				
Other crops .....	223	1.7	Other farm-related income sources .....	farms..	1 400 4.9			
\$1,000.	584	2.9	\$1,000..	1 183 12.5				
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....	12 685	.4						
\$1,000.	382 521	.1	<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>					
Poultry and poultry products .....	724	.8	Total .....	farms..	72 2.3			
\$1,000.	223 083	.1	\$1,000..	2 335 .6				
Dairy products .....	287	1.1						
\$1,000.	35 763	.5						
Cattle and calves .....	11 576	.4						
\$1,000.	114 726	.3						
Hogs and pigs .....	402	1.2						
\$1,000.	2 356	2.0						
Sheep, lambs, and wool .....	957	.8						
\$1,000.	2 280	1.0						
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .....	997	.8						
\$1,000.	4 313	2.2						
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .....	1 100	.8						
\$1,000.	2 663	1.1						

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table C. Reliability Estimates of State Totals for All Farms: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>					
Total cropland .....	farms..	.4	All operators .....	farms..	17 772 .4
	acres..	.4		acres..	3 455 532 .3
Harvested cropland .....	farms..	.4		farms..	12 761 .4
	acres..	.4		acres..	1 902 518 .4
Farms by acres harvested:				farms..	4 286 .4
1 to 9 acres .....	farms..	.6		acres..	1 418 994 .4
	acres..	.6		farms..	725 1.0
10 to 19 acres .....	farms..	.6		acres..	134 020 1.3
	acres..	.6			
20 to 29 acres .....	farms..	.6			
	acres..	.6			
30 to 49 acres .....	farms..	.6			
	acres..	.6			
50 to 99 acres .....	farms..	.6			
	acres..	.6			
100 to 199 acres .....	farms..	.8			
	acres..	.8			
200 to 499 acres .....	farms..	1.0			
	acres..	1.0			
500 to 999 acres .....	farms..	1.5			
	acres..	1.5			
1,000 acres or more .....	farms..	—			
	acres..	—			
Cropland:					
Pasture or grazing only .....	farms..	.4			
	acres..	.4			
Other cropland .....	farms..	.6			
	acres..	.6			
Total woodland .....	farms..	.4			
	acres..	.4			
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms..	.4			
	acres..	.4			
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. ....	farms..	.4			
	acres..	.4			
Irrigated land .....	farms..	1.4			
	acres..	1.4			
Acres irrigated:					
1 to 9 acres .....	farms..	203	1.7		
	acres..	(D)	1.7		
10 to 49 acres .....	farms..	47	2.8		
	acres..	(D)	2.8		
50 to 99 acres .....	farms..	965	2.7		
	acres..	(D)	2.7		
100 to 199 acres .....	farms..	12	6.5		
	acres..	(D)	6.5		
200 to 499 acres .....	farms..	732	6.3		
	acres..	(D)	6.3		
500 to 999 acres .....	farms..	2	9.4		
	acres..	(D)	9.4		
1,000 acres or more .....	farms..	4	12.2		
	acres..	(D)	12.2		
Harvested cropland irrigated .....	farms..	255	1.5		
	acres..	2 845	4.5		
Pasture and other land irrigated .....	farms..	19	5.9		
	acres..	440	8.4		
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs .....	farms..	7 229	1.7		
	acres..	8 822	3.0		
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>					
Estimated market value of land and buildings .....	farms..	.4			
\$1,000.		1.4			
Average per farm .....	dollars..	1.4			
Average per acre .....	dollars..	1.5			
		1.9			
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>					
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment .....	farms..	.4			
\$1,000.		1.4			
Average per farm .....	dollars..	1.4			
		1.6			
		1.6			
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>					
Commercial fertilizer .....	farms..	1.5			
acres on which used..	322 827	2.2			
<b>TENURE OF OPERATOR</b>					
All operators .....	farms..	17 772 .4			
	acres..	3 455 532 .3			
Full owners .....	farms..	12 761 .4			
	acres..	1 902 518 .4			
Part owners .....	farms..	4 286 .4			
	acres..	1 418 994 .4			
Tenants .....	farms..	725 1.0			
	acres..	134 020 1.3			
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>					
Land owned .....	farms..	17 057 .4			
	acres..	2 691 481 .3			
Owned land in farms .....	farms..	17 047 .4			
	acres..	2 600 219 .3			
Land rented or leased from others .....	farms..	5 045 .4			
	acres..	861 881 .4			
Rented or leased land in farms .....	farms..	10 737 .5			
	acres..	855 313 .4			
Land rented or leased to others .....	farms..	1 089 .8			
	acres..	97 830 1.2			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
Operators by place of residence:					
On farm operated .....	farms..	13 764 .4			
	acres..	2 954 .6			
Not on farm operated .....	farms..	1 054 .8			
Operators by principal occupation:					
Farming .....	farms..	7 145 .4			
	acres..	10 627 .4			
Operators by days worked off farm:					
Any .....	farms..	10 489 .4			
	acres..	7 554 .4			
Operators by sex:					
Male .....	farms..	16 088 .4			
	acres..	3 181 576 .3			
Female .....	farms..	1 684 .7			
	acres..	273 956 .8			
Average age of operator .....	years..	56.7 .5			
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>					
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) .....	farms..	16 475 .4			
	acres..	3 000 195 .3			
Partnership .....	farms..	918 .9			
	acres..	292 109 .8			
Corporation:					
Family held .....	farms..	245 1.5			
	acres..	128 753 .9			
More than 10 stockholders .....	farms..	9 7.1			
	acres..	236 1.5			
10 or less stockholders .....	farms..	40 3.9			
	acres..	8 851 4.4			
Other than family held .....	farms..	1 36.1			
	acres..	39 3.9			
More than 10 stockholders .....	farms..	94 2.4			
	acres..	25 624 2.9			
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms..				
	acres..				
<b>HIRED FARM LABOR<sup>1</sup></b>					
Hired workers by days worked:					
150 days or more .....	farms..	1 241 4.7			
	workers..	2 422 2.7			
Less than 150 days .....	farms..	4 253 2.7			
	workers..	11 185 3.1			
<b>INJURIES AND DEATHS</b>					
Farm-related injuries:					
Operator and family members .....	farms..	152 2.0			
	number..	171 2.1			
Hired workers .....	farms..	54 2.9			
	number..	70 2.5			
Farm-related deaths:					
Operator and family members .....	farms..	4 —			
	number..	4 —			
Hired workers .....	farms..	— —			
	number..	— —			

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table C. Reliability Estimates of State Totals for All Farms: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item		Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
<b>F FARMS BY SIZE</b>							
1 to 9 acres .....	farms..	727	1.0	<b>L LIVESTOCK</b>			
	acres..	2 857	1.2	Cattle and calves inventory.....	farms..	12 284	.4
10 to 49 acres .....	farms..	3 026	.6	Beef cows .....	number..	439 462	.4
	acres..	90 049	.6	Milk cows .....	farms..	10 367	.4
50 to 69 acres .....	farms..	1 650	.7	Cattle and calves sold .....	farms..	202 844	.4
	acres..	96 075	.7	Sheep and lambs sold .....	farms..	676	.9
70 to 99 acres .....	farms..	2 251	.6	Hogs and pigs inventory .....	farms..	18 497	.6
	acres..	188 465	.6	Hogs and pigs sold.....	farms..		
100 to 139 acres .....	farms..	2 529	.6	\$1,000..	\$1,000..	114 726	.3
	acres..	294 443	.6	Hogs and pigs sold.....	farms..	645	1.0
140 to 179 acres .....	farms..	1 734	.7	Hogs and pigs sold.....	number..	15 708	1.6
	acres..	273 065	.7	Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory.....	farms..	40 709	.8
180 to 219 acres .....	farms..	1 280	.8	Sheep and lambs sold .....	farms..	972	.8
	acres..	253 433	.8	Horses and ponies inventory .....	farms..	29 803	1.0
220 to 259 acres .....	farms..	963	.8	Horses and ponies sold .....	farms..	3 654	.5
	acres..	228 924	.8	Horses and ponies sold .....	number..	16 787	.8
260 to 499 acres .....	farms..	2 279	.6	Horses and ponies sold .....	farms..	584	1.1
	acres..	802 828	.6	Horses and ponies sold .....	number..	1 766	1.8
500 to 999 acres .....	farms..	1 012	.8				
	acres..	679 820	.8				
<b>F FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM</b>							
Oilseed and grain farming (1111) .....	farms..	248		<b>P Poultry</b>			
	acres..	324 203		Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory .....	farms..	1 122	.8
Vegetable and melon farming (1112) .....	farms..	73		- (see text) .....	number..	1 806 870	1.6
	acres..	197		- Layers 20 weeks old and older .....	farms..	1 085	.8
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113) .....	farms..	238		- Layers 20 weeks old and older .....	number..	1 448 777	1.5
	acres..	34 592		Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....	farms..	186	.9
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114) .....	farms..	446		- Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....	number..	79 193 428	.1
	acres..	48 403					
Other crop farming (1119) .....	farms..	3 620		<b>S SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>			
	acres..	561 150		Corn for grain or seed .....	farms..	1 150	.7
Beef cattle ranching and farming (11211) .....	farms..	10 276			acres..	35 499	.8
	acres..	2 197 927			bushels..	3 270 197	.7
Cattle feedlots (112112) .....	farms..	467		Corn for silage or green chop .....	farms..	929	.7
	acres..	96 776			acres..	27 642	.5
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212) .....	farms..	249			tons, green..	380 942	.6
	acres..	107 921		Wheat for grain .....	farms..	191	1.5
Hog and pig farming (1122) .....	farms..	124			acres..	7 620	1.2
	acres..	18 689		Oats for grain .....	farms..	421 453	1.2
Poultry and egg production (1123) .....	farms..	428			acres..	321	1.3
	acres..	127 890		Tobacco .....	farms..	2 720	1.8
Sheep and goat farming (1124) .....	farms..	364			bushels..	132 249	1.9
	acres..	45 958		Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes .....	farms..	744	.9
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129) .....	farms..	1 036			acres..	1 630	1.5
	acres..	99 855			pounds..	2 737 090	1.4
					cwt..	416	1.3
					acres..	610	4.4
					cwt..	58 593	2.8

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup>Farms with total production expenses equal to market value of agricultural products sold are included as farms with gains.

**Table D. Reliability Estimates of State Totals for Farms With Sales of \$10,000 or More:  
1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)			
<b>F FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>								
Farms .....	3 675	.3	Total farm production expenses .....	3 599	.4			
Land in farms .....	1 472 916	.3	farms..	322 960	.6			
Average size of farm .....	401	.5	\$1,000..	89 736	.7			
<b>M MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>								
Total sales (see text) .....	3 675	.3	Livestock and poultry purchased .....	2 033	2.7			
farms..	407 268	.1	\$1,000..	57 316	1.7			
\$1,000..	110 821	.4	farms..	2 804	1.7			
Average per farm .....			\$1,000..	147 763	.6			
Farms by value of sales:			Commercially mixed formula feeds .....	1 727	3.2			
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	1 608	.6	farms..	137 201	.6			
farms..	22 018	.6	\$1,000..					
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	328	1.3	Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	1 619	3.3			
farms..	7 296	1.3	\$1,000..	3 696	4.1			
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....	502	1.0	farms..	2 489	2.0			
farms..	15 609	1.0	\$1,000..	7 800	4.0			
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	173	1.6	farms..	1 562	3.4			
farms..	7 775	1.6	\$1,000..	4 376	2.5			
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	431	1.0	Petroleum products .....	3 534	.6			
farms..	29 766	1.0	\$1,000..	10 485	1.3			
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	312	.7	Electricity .....	2 523	2.1			
farms..	47 926	.6	\$1,000..	4 252	1.6			
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	127	—	Hired farm labor .....	1 731	3.2			
farms..	43 605	—	\$1,000..	22 373	1.7			
\$500,000 or more .....	194	—	Contract labor .....	465	7.2			
farms..	233 272	—	\$1,000..	2 702	4.2			
Sales by commodity or commodity group:			Repair and maintenance .....	3 200	1.2			
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....	1 563	.5	\$1,000..	12 406	1.9			
farms..	54 939	.4	Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment .....	957	4.5			
\$1,000..	469	.9	\$1,000..	3 926	4.5			
Grains .....	11 842	.8	Interest .....	1 601	3.3			
farms..	372	1.1	\$1,000..	14 581	2.4			
Corn for grain .....	7 481	.8	Secured by real estate .....	1 054	4.5			
Wheat .....	134	1.6	\$1,000..	11 471	2.6			
Soybeans .....	1 292	1.3	Not secured by real estate .....	952	4.8			
\$1,000..	133	1.5	\$1,000..	3 110	3.8			
2 854	1.6							
Sorghum for grain .....	1	33.1	<b>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>					
farms..	(D)		All farms .....	number..	3 599	.4		
\$1,000..	17	5.0	\$1,000..	74 866	2.2			
Barley .....	129	2.7	Average per farm .....	dollars..	20 802	2.3		
farms..	38	3.1	Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> .....	number..	2 580	2.0		
\$1,000..	52	7.6	\$1,000..	88 601	1.5			
Oats .....	19	3.8	Average net gain .....	dollars..	34 341	2.5		
farms..	(D)		Farms with net losses .....	number..	1 019	5.0		
\$1,000..			\$1,000..	13 734	5.3			
Other grains .....			Average net loss .....	dollars..	13 478	7.3		
Cotton and cottonseed .....	—	—						
Tobacco .....	198	1.5	<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>					
farms..	2 866	1.9	Government payments .....	farms..	971	.6		
\$1,000..	925	.7	\$1,000..	2 949	.9			
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	6 482	.9	Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> .....	farms..	1 024	4.8		
farms..			\$1,000..	4 112	9.5			
\$1,000..			Customwork and other agricultural services .....	farms..	228	10.3		
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	121	2.1	\$1,000..	1 205	27.2			
farms..	1 246	2.9	Gross cash rent or share payments .....	farms..	193	14.5		
\$1,000..	102	1.7	\$1,000..	384	19.1			
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	13 554	.4	Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products .....	farms..	219	11.6		
farms..			\$1,000..	1 561	10.1			
\$1,000..			Other farm-related income sources .....	farms..	647	6.3		
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	237	1.4	\$1,000..	963	14.1			
farms..	18 510	.6						
\$1,000..	60	2.8	<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>					
Other crops .....	437	4.1	Total .....	farms..	53	1.9		
farms..			\$1,000..	1 311	.4			
\$1,000..								
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....	3 309	.3						
farms..	352 329	.1						
\$1,000..	412	.6						
Poultry and poultry products .....	222 930	.1						
farms..	264	1.0						
Dairy products .....	35 716	.4						
farms..	3 070	.4						
Cattle and calves .....	87 138	.3						
farms..	166	1.6						
Hogs and pigs .....	2 048	2.3						
farms..	314	1.0						
Sheep, lambs, and wool .....	1 377	1.2						
farms..	213	1.6						
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .....	3 121	2.9						
farms..								
\$1,000..								
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .....	248	1.4						
farms..	1 695	1.4						
\$1,000..								

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table D. Reliability Estimates of State Totals for Farms With Sales of \$10,000 or More:  
1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)			
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>								
Total cropland .....	3 417	.3	Farms by type of organization					
farms..	581 960	.4	Individual or family (sole proprietorship) .....	farms..	3 117 .4			
acres..			acres..	1 162 274	.4			
Harvested cropland .....	3 203	.4	Partnership .....	farms..	357	1.2		
farms..	309 261	.4	acres..	189 176	.9			
acres..			Corporation:					
Cropland:			Family held .....	farms..	154	1.3		
Pasture or grazing only .....	2 032	.5	acres..	99 882	.7			
farms..	256 672	.6	More than 10 stockholders .....	farms..	4	7.5		
acres..			10 or less stockholders .....	farms..	150	1.3		
Total woodland .....	2 834	.4	Other family held .....	farms..	22	3.0		
farms..	529 151	.4	acres..	5 753	4.5			
acres..			More than 10 stockholders .....	farms..	—	—		
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and			10 or less stockholders .....	farms..	22	3.0		
woodland pastured .....	1 499	.5	Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms..	25	3.5		
farms..	302 309	.5	acres..	15 831	1.6			
acres..								
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. ....	2 396	.4	<b>Hired farm labor<sup>1</sup></b>					
farms..	59 496	.8	Hired workers by days worked:					
acres..	141	1.6	150 days or more .....	farms..	662	4.8		
Irrigated land .....	2 260	4.9	workers..	1 832	2.4			
farms..	140	1.6	Less than 150 days .....	farms..	1 531	3.5		
acres..	(D)	(D)	workers..	5 121	4.6			
Pasture and other land irrigated .....	2	11.5						
farms..	(D)	(D)						
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands			<b>Injuries and deaths</b>					
Reserve Programs .....	81	2.4	Farm-related injuries:					
farms..	2 870	5.0	Operator and family members .....	farms..	46	3.1		
acres..			number..	51	3.3			
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of land and buildings .....	3 599	.4	Hired workers .....	farms..	40	2.6		
farms..	1 647 870	2.2	number..	55	2.2			
\$1,000..								
Average per farm .....	457 869	2.2	Farm-related deaths:					
dollars..			Operator and family members .....	farms..	2	—		
Average per acre .....	1 151	2.8	number..	(D)	(D)			
dollars..			Hired workers .....	farms..	—	—		
number..			number..	—	—			
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of all machinery and			<b>Farms by size</b>					
equipment .....	3 598	.4	1 to 9 acres .....		161	1.7		
farms..	163 435	2.1	10 to 49 acres .....		249	1.4		
\$1,000..			50 to 69 acres .....		98	2.2		
Average per farm .....	45 424	2.1	70 to 99 acres .....		216	1.7		
dollars..			100 to 139 acres .....		277	1.4		
Average per acre .....			140 to 179 acres .....		290	1.3		
dollars..			180 to 219 acres .....		298	1.3		
			220 to 259 acres .....		241	1.5		
			260 to 499 acres .....		936	.7		
			500 to 999 acres .....		648	.8		
			1,000 to 1,999 acres .....		194	—		
			2,000 acres or more .....		67	—		
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Commercial fertilizer .....	2 485	2.0	<b>Farms by North American industry classification system</b>					
farms..	186 928	2.7	Oilseed and grain farming (111) .....		110	2.2		
acres on which used..			Vegetable and melon farming (1112) .....		28	4.8		
			Fruit and tree nut farming (1113) .....		63	1.9		
<b>TENURE OF OPERATOR</b>								
All operators .....	3 675	.3	Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114) .....		184	1.6		
farms..	1 472 916	.3	Other crop farming (1119) .....		330	1.2		
acres..	1 840	.5	Beef cattle ranching and farming (112111) .....		2 110	.4		
Full owners .....	508 895	.5	Cattle feedlots (112112) .....		120	2.0		
farms..	1 616	.5	Dairy cattle and milk production (11212) .....		237	1.0		
acres..	895 400	.4	Hog and pig farming (1122) .....		30	4.8		
Part owners .....	219	1.6	Poultry and egg production (1123) .....		363	.6		
farms..	68 621	1.8	Sheep and goat farming (1124) .....		17	4.1		
acres..			Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129) .....		83	2.9		
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>								
Land owned .....	3 459	.3	<b>Livestock</b>					
farms..	986 204	.4	Cattle and calves inventory .....	farms..	2 914	.4		
acres..			number..	263 413	.4			
Owned land in farms .....	3 456	.3	Beef cows .....	farms..	2 306	.4		
farms..	950 872	.4	number..	106 660	.4			
acres..			Milk cows .....	farms..	316	.9		
			number..	17 668	.5			
Land rented or leased from others .....	1 843	.5	Cattle and calves sold .....	farms..	3 070	.4		
farms..	524 672	.4	number..	187 702	.4			
acres..	4 527	.5	\$1,000..	87 138	.3			
Rented or leased land in farms .....	1 835	.5	Hogs and pigs inventory .....	farms..	191	1.4		
farms..	522 044	.4	number..	12 980	1.7			
acres..			Hogs and pigs sold .....	farms..	166	1.6		
			number..	21 645	2.0			
Land rented or leased to others .....	295	1.3	\$1,000..	2 048	2.3			
farms..	37 960	1.8						
acres..			Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory .....	farms..	312	1.0		
			number..	22 634	1.2			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>								
Operators by place of residence:			Sheep and lambs sold .....	farms..	312	1.0		
On farm operated .....	2 872	.4	number..	17 397	1.2			
Not on farm operated .....	653	.8						
Not reported .....	150	1.7	Horses and ponies inventory .....	farms..	625	.9		
Operators by principal occupation:			number..	3 757	2.1			
Farming .....	2 320	.4						
Other .....	1 355	.6	Horses and ponies sold .....	farms..	126	2.2		
Operators by days worked off farm:			number..	781	3.2			
Any .....	1 844	.5						
200 days or more .....	1 160	.6						
Operators by sex:								
Male .....	3 413	.3						
Female .....	262	1.3						
Average age of operator .....	55.9	.5						

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table D. Reliability Estimates of State Totals for Farms With Sales of \$10,000 or More:  
1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)		
<b>POULTRY</b>							
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) .....	farms.. number..	248 1 786 970	1.2 1.4	Wheat for grain .....	farms.. acres.. bushels..	143 7 203 404 257	1.5 1.3 1.3
Layers 20 weeks old and older .....	farms.. number..	232 1 431 318	1.2 1.4	Oats for grain .....	farms.. acres.. bushels..	160 1 763 93 241	1.4 1.8 2.0
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....	farms.. number..	165 79 192 471	.7 .1	Tobacco .....	farms.. acres.. pounds..	198 911 1 669 534	1.5 1.8 1.9
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>							
Corn for grain or seed .....	farms.. acres.. bushels..	612 32 233 3 050 900	.8 .8 .7	Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes .....	farms.. acres.. cwt..	69 400 37 953	2.6 7.6 4.3
Corn for silage or green chop .....	farms.. acres.. tons, green..	693 25 110 351 811	.6 .5 .5	Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	farms.. acres.. tons, dry..	2 889 222 347 447 039	.4 .4 .5
				Alfalfa hay .....	farms.. acres.. tons, dry..	864 33 705 90 915	.6 .9 .8
				Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	farms.. acres..	121 1 065	2.1 2.0
				Land in orchards .....	farms.. acres..	120 10 460	1.8 .7

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup>Farms with total production expenses equal to market value of agricultural products sold are included as farms with gains.

**Table E. Reliability Estimates of Percent Change in State Totals: 1992 to 1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms		Farms with sales of \$10,000 or more	
	Percent change from 1992 to 1997	Standard error of estimate	Percent change from 1992 to 1997	Standard error of estimate
Farms .....	number..	4.4	1.2	-1.9
Land in farms .....	acres..	5.8	.9	-2
Average size of farm .....	acres..	1.0	1.5	1.8
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :				
Average per farm .....	dollars..	28.9	3.3	32.7
Average per acre .....	dollars..	28.4	3.8	34.8
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :				
Average per farm .....	dollars..	26.3	3.1	6.6
Farms by size:				
1 to 9 acres .....		-1.4	2.1	10.3
10 to 49 acres .....		4.6	1.8	7.8
50 to 179 acres .....		4.8	.9	-9.2
180 to 499 acres .....		4.0	.9	-1
500 to 999 acres .....		6.8	1.5	-3
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....		2.5	-	-8.9
2,000 acres or more .....		15.9	-	11.7
Total cropland .....	farms..	3.9	1.2	-3.3
	acres..	3.3	1.0	-3.6
Harvested cropland .....	farms..	3.8	1.2	-4.3
	acres..	11.8	1.0	2.5
Irrigated land .....	farms..	-14.1	2.1	12.8
	acres..	18.6	5.6	40.5
Market value of agricultural products sold .....	\$1,000..	22.9	.5	25.4
Average per farm .....	dollars..	17.7	1.4	27.8
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....	\$1,000..	2.9	.7	2.9
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....	\$1,000..	27.0	.4	29.8
Farms by value of sales:				
Less than \$2,500 .....		12.9	1.3	(X)
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....		-2.4	1.4	(X)
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....		.5	1.3	(X)
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....		-3.5	1.2	-3.5
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		-1.9	1.6	-1.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....		-.5	1.8	-.5
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....		-10.6	.7	-10.6
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....		-20.6	-	-20.6
\$500,000 or more .....		76.4	-	76.4
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....	\$1,000..	23.3	1.0	25.1
Average per farm .....	dollars..	17.9	1.8	23.8
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> .....	farms..	4.6	1.2	1.0
	\$1,000..	16.0	5.6	24.2
Average per farm .....	dollars..	10.9	5.5	22.9
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming .....		-3	1.1	1.0
Other .....		7.9	1.4	-6.4
Operators by days worked off farm:				
Any .....		9.3	1.4	-1
200 days or more .....		8.1	1.4	-1.4
Livestock and poultry:				
Cattle and calves inventory .....	farms..	-1.2	1.1	-5.1
	number..	2.0	.9	.5
Beef cows .....	farms..	-1.9	1.1	-
	number..	2.5	1.0	2.5
Milk cows .....	farms..	-30.5	1.0	-34.4
	number..	20.8	.6	-21.4
Cattle and calves sold .....	farms..	-.1	1.1	-3.6
	number..	6.3	.9	4.3
Hogs and pigs inventory .....	farms..	-23.3	1.3	-33.7
	number..	41.3	1.1	-42.3
Hogs and pigs sold .....	farms..	31.5	1.3	-38.5
	number..	50.9	1.0	-52.0
Sheep and lambs inventory .....	farms..	-17.6	1.2	-20.4
	number..	28.7	1.1	-25.8
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) .....	farms..	-11.8	1.4	-6.4
	number..	19.6	2.5	21.5
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....	farms..	36.8	1.6	28.9
	number..	56.3	.1	56.3
Selected crops harvested:				
Corn for grain or seed .....	farms..	-24.2	1.0	-22.0
	acres..	-20.3	.9	-19.0
	bushels..	30.0	.7	-28.9
Corn for silage or green chop .....	farms..	-9.5	1.1	-11.6
	acres..	-.1	.8	-1.6
	tons, green..	-12.2	.7	-13.6
Wheat for grain .....	farms..	-37.8	1.3	-26.7
	acres..	-15.9	1.3	-9.7
	bushels..	-4.0	1.4	1.5
Oats for grain .....	farms..	-20.9	1.6	-24.5
	acres..	-26.0	1.7	-29.4
	bushels..	-34.3	1.6	-31.9
Tobacco .....	farms..	-25.8	1.4	-17.5
	acres..	-21.3	1.7	-9.1
	pounds..	-11.7	1.9	-6.8
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	farms..	4.7	1.2	-5.4
	acres..	16.1	1.1	6.8
	tons, dry..	17.5	1.1	6.6
Land in orchards .....	farms..	-5.0	2.0	-16.7
	acres..	-17.1	1.0	-20.9

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the State and County Totals: 1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Farms		Land in farms		Average size of farm		Average market value of land and buildings per farm <sup>1</sup>		Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup>	
	Total (number)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (acres)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (acres)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Value (dollars)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
<b>West Virginia .</b>	<b>17 772</b>	.4	<b>3 455 532</b>	.3	<b>194</b>	.5	<b>212 832</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>432 904</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Barbour .....	437	.3	86 546	.9	198	.9	168 471	8.6	10 218	7.8
Berkeley .....	509	.4	72 603	.9	143	.9	384 021	6.9	11 060	6.2
Boone .....	23	1.2	2 335	5.9	102	6.0	115 860	11.5	432	8.9
Braxton .....	280	.3	67 081	1.0	240	1.1	177 830	14.8	6 732	8.5
Brooke .....	95	.6	13 581	3.1	143	3.1	169 746	5.2	2 610	3.4
Cabell .....	305	.4	31 987	1.3	105	1.3	135 584	17.0	5 798	21.6
Calhoun .....	171	.4	38 442	1.5	225	1.5	160 327	7.1	2 709	6.0
Clay .....	100	.6	17 292	1.8	173	1.9	186 472	4.0	2 255	3.9
Doddridge .....	302	.4	70 555	1.1	234	1.1	142 225	5.7	4 721	8.4
Fayette .....	205	.4	23 065	1.9	113	2.0	121 807	6.0	3 350	6.6
Gilmer .....	214	.4	63 317	1.0	296	1.1	165 504	8.8	4 910	15.3
Grant .....	375	.3	121 961	.8	325	.9	421 949	9.9	10 528	5.7
Greenbrier .....	727	.5	184 359	.7	254	.9	275 381	5.0	24 619	6.6
Hampshire .....	547	.4	140 416	.9	257	.9	352 702	12.1	18 395	11.1
Hancock .....	64	.4	7 140	1.9	112	1.9	137 046	3.9	1 772	3.9
Hardy .....	467	.3	142 940	.6	306	.7	423 385	4.9	20 277	6.2
Harrison .....	601	.4	103 181	.9	172	1.0	158 157	8.7	13 145	13.8
Jackson .....	730	.4	116 677	.8	160	.9	151 767	5.9	14 781	11.8
Jefferson .....	357	.4	72 978	1.1	204	1.1	715 807	5.9	16 072	7.4
Kanawha .....	154	.6	19 362	2.0	126	2.1	213 930	10.1	2 478	10.6
Lewis .....	364	.4	79 427	1.0	218	1.1	207 641	12.7	10 396	13.1
Lincoln .....	214	.6	27 435	2.2	128	2.3	102 101	12.4	3 200	13.9
Logan .....	10	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	243 098	—	112	—
McDowell .....	7	1.2	488	2.1	70	2.4	97 143	7.9	144	6.7
Marion .....	317	.3	39 350	1.1	124	1.2	148 037	11.1	5 144	11.1
Marshall .....	536	.3	78 061	.7	146	.8	115 081	6.0	10 119	8.1
Mason .....	742	.4	120 561	.8	162	.9	178 881	4.8	21 252	8.4
Mercer .....	409	.4	53 450	1.3	131	1.4	135 627	9.9	9 137	10.3
Mineral .....	343	.3	79 655	.9	232	1.0	192 770	4.9	7 439	12.6
Mingo .....	5	1.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	22 200	26.3	46	16.6
Monongalia .....	430	.3	58 074	1.0	135	1.0	176 090	8.9	11 238	12.5
Monroe .....	617	.4	138 688	.8	225	.9	207 829	6.2	16 055	6.0
Morgan .....	161	.5	28 180	1.3	175	1.4	284 675	7.6	3 338	5.1
Nicholas .....	304	.4	39 658	1.3	130	1.3	174 366	18.8	8 840	7.5
Ohio .....	136	.5	21 113	1.9	155	2.0	139 454	7.4	3 104	8.1
Pendleton .....	590	.2	175 319	.5	297	.5	356 361	6.8	18 546	8.1
Pleasants .....	132	.4	21 339	2.1	162	2.1	114 680	14.4	2 452	12.2
Pocahontas .....	357	.4	128 965	.8	361	.9	288 725	9.0	10 619	10.7
Preston .....	866	.2	151 697	.6	175	.7	168 577	6.7	19 146	5.9
Putnam .....	454	.5	57 125	1.1	126	1.2	166 707	9.4	8 867	13.3
Raleigh .....	260	.4	35 439	1.6	136	1.7	156 380	7.6	6 075	8.5
Randolph .....	396	.4	104 130	1.0	263	1.1	214 356	10.1	12 301	13.4
Ritchie .....	352	.4	86 976	.9	247	1.0	152 804	8.7	7 264	12.5
Roane .....	454	.3	92 766	.8	204	.9	140 647	8.0	8 316	5.8
Summers .....	316	.4	57 178	1.0	181	1.0	192 150	9.2	7 896	12.2
Taylor .....	278	.2	43 697	1.1	157	1.1	199 129	14.8	7 029	8.0
Tucker .....	191	.3	35 097	1.0	184	1.1	192 228	10.4	3 211	4.8
Tyler .....	234	.5	48 031	1.5	205	1.6	107 256	7.4	3 809	7.4
Upshur .....	399	.4	64 282	1.1	161	1.2	179 377	11.0	7 659	10.4
Wayne .....	151	.6	28 622	2.4	190	2.4	184 620	6.1	4 381	7.9
Webster .....	74	.5	8 043	2.3	109	2.4	93 691	4.8	1 607	4.0
Wetzel .....	260	.4	47 771	1.2	184	1.3	116 857	8.0	3 977	5.8
Wirt .....	199	.5	37 071	1.7	186	1.8	154 737	10.4	3 845	5.9
Wood .....	520	.4	66 569	1.0	128	1.1	142 114	6.5	9 086	7.1
Wyoming .....	31	.4	3 978	8.0	128	8.1	91 007	7.1	395	3.7
Geographic area	Average market value of all machinery and equipment per farm <sup>1</sup>		Market value of agricultural products sold		Average market value of agricultural products sold per farm		Farm production expenses <sup>1</sup>			
	Value (dollars)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Value (dollars)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
<b>West Virginia .</b>	<b>24 315</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>447 428</b>	<b>.1</b>	<b>25 176</b>	<b>.4</b>	<b>17 807</b>	<b>.4</b>	<b>380 631</b>	<b>.6</b>
Barbour .....	23 436	7.8	3 927	1.6	8 985	1.6	436	.9	3 473	8.4
Berkeley .....	21 644	6.2	18 171	.5	35 699	.6	511	.6	15 061	2.6
Boone .....	18 783	11.4	45	20.3	1 944	20.3	23	7.1	46	10.0
Braxton .....	23 956	8.5	1 731	1.3	6 182	1.3	281	1.2	1 617	7.9
Brooke .....	27 474	4.6	1 100	5.7	11 583	5.8	95	3.0	1 008	5.5
Cabell .....	18 948	21.6	2 263	2.1	7 421	2.1	306	1.0	1 959	15.5
Calhoun .....	15 748	6.3	686	2.7	4 013	2.7	172	1.8	899	5.7
Clay .....	22 552	4.8	540	4.5	5 397	4.6	100	2.8	595	3.9
Doddridge .....	15 581	8.5	1 046	1.4	3 465	1.4	303	1.1	1 385	10.0
Fayette .....	16 261	6.8	1 573	2.4	7 673	2.4	206	1.6	1 388	5.6
Gilmer .....	22 836	15.3	1 949	1.6	9 110	1.7	215	1.0	1 981	7.4
Grant .....	27 999	5.8	34 412	.3	91 766	.4	376	.7	29 636	2.0
Greenbrier .....	33 818	6.6	40 278	.3	55 403	.6	729	.7	23 239	2.5
Hampshire .....	33 506	11.1	15 709	.6	28 719	.7	549	.7	13 518	4.4

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**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the State and County Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Average market value of all machinery and equipment per farm <sup>1</sup>		Market value of agricultural products sold		Average market value of agricultural products sold per farm		Farm production expenses <sup>1</sup>					
	Value (dollars)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Value (dollars)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total farm production expenses					
							Farms		Value			
							Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)		
Hancock .....	27 683	4.8	578	3.8	9 038	3.8	64	2.8	461	2.8		
Hardy .....	43 327	6.3	109 461	.1	234 392	.3	468	.6	95 133	.8		
Harrison .....	21 800	13.8	4 756	1.4	7 914	1.4	603	.7	4 532	7.4		
Jackson .....	20 193	11.8	4 362	1.0	5 975	1.0	732	.6	4 514	9.0		
Jefferson .....	44 894	7.5	19 412	.6	54 375	.7	358	.8	16 738	3.2		
Kanawha .....	15 883	10.8	1 419	1.3	9 213	1.5	156	2.1	1 198	5.4		
Lewis .....	28 404	13.1	2 996	1.6	8 230	1.6	366	.8	2 368	8.1		
Lincoln .....	14 813	14.0	1 187	1.9	5 545	2.0	216	1.2	942	7.3		
Logan .....	11 170	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	10	—	164	—		
McDowell .....	20 543	9.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	7	7.2	65	1.2		
Marion .....	16 226	11.1	1 629	1.7	5 139	1.8	317	1.0	1 697	13.7		
Marshall .....	18 914	8.1	2 923	.8	5 453	.8	535	.7	2 541	5.5		
Mason .....	28 526	8.4	15 092	.6	20 340	.7	745	.6	11 306	3.7		
Mercer .....	22 231	10.3	2 539	3.2	6 207	3.3	411	.8	2 151	8.2		
Mineral .....	21 625	12.6	8 372	.5	24 408	.6	344	.7	6 772	3.3		
Mingo .....	11 475	24.6	6	10.9	1 211	11.1	5	13.4	11	13.1		
Monongalia .....	26 197	12.5	2 890	1.5	6 721	1.5	429	.8	3 537	17.2		
Monroe .....	25 937	6.0	19 321	.5	31 315	.7	619	.7	15 194	3.9		
Morgan .....	20 604	5.4	1 308	3.8	8 126	3.8	162	2.0	1 610	5.8		
Nicholas .....	28 982	7.6	2 542	2.6	8 363	2.7	305	1.1	2 278	3.8		
Ohio .....	22 825	8.5	1 790	4.5	13 159	4.6	136	2.3	1 444	12.9		
Pendleton .....	31 434	8.1	67 654	.1	114 667	.2	590	.4	61 171	.8		
Pleasants .....	18 715	12.4	766	4.1	5 800	4.1	131	2.1	793	7.7		
Pocahontas .....	29 662	10.7	5 141	1.4	14 401	1.4	358	.8	3 798	14.6		
Preston .....	22 134	6.0	10 597	.9	12 237	.9	865	.6	9 588	5.7		
Putnam .....	19 489	13.3	4 372	1.0	9 629	1.1	455	.9	3 772	11.5		
Raleigh .....	23 275	8.6	2 013	1.9	7 743	1.9	261	1.0	2 072	9.5		
Randolph .....	30 907	13.4	5 646	1.3	14 258	1.4	398	.8	4 505	8.7		
Ritchie .....	20 636	12.5	2 244	1.8	6 376	1.8	352	.9	2 627	6.9		
Roane .....	18 277	5.8	2 626	1.2	5 785	1.2	455	.8	2 566	5.7		
Summers .....	24 988	12.2	3 642	1.2	11 526	1.3	316	.8	3 698	11.4		
Taylor .....	25 285	8.1	3 675	1.5	13 218	1.5	278	1.0	3 204	11.0		
Tucker .....	16 812	5.1	1 138	1.6	5 956	1.6	191	1.7	1 083	6.6		
Tyler .....	16 346	7.5	1 115	2.6	4 764	2.6	233	1.2	1 004	7.8		
Upshur .....	19 099	10.5	2 532	2.1	6 345	2.2	401	.8	2 871	13.1		
Wayne .....	29 014	8.1	1 447	2.4	9 581	2.5	151	1.9	1 125	8.5		
Webster .....	21 711	5.0	194	3.9	2 620	4.0	74	3.0	189	3.5		
Wetzel .....	15 414	6.0	735	1.3	2 826	1.4	259	1.4	836	5.5		
Wirt .....	19 320	6.2	2 633	1.4	13 231	1.5	199	2.0	2 272	5.9		
Wood .....	17 507	7.2	2 836	2.3	5 454	2.4	519	.9	2 908	9.3		
Wyoming .....	12 753	5.3	180	23.0	5 797	23.1	31	3.7	88	6.5		
Farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> —Con.												
Geographic area	Livestock and poultry purchased			Feed for livestock and poultry			Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees					
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms			
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)		
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)		
West Virginia .	5 481	2.2	63 068	1.8	10 508	1.3	154 556	.6	4 133	2.6	4 267	3.8
Barbour .....	124	16.0	723	23.0	275	7.4	422	11.5	56	27.6	14	28.7
Berkeley .....	139	14.7	507	17.4	269	9.0	1 584	11.6	195	10.7	279	5.9
Boone .....	8	10.2	4	11.1	12	9.6	11	11.6	8	13.4	2	23.4
Braxton .....	68	17.0	322	17.8	158	7.7	236	9.0	50	22.5	11	42.1
Brooke .....	20	6.0	107	10.9	48	3.9	156	6.2	29	4.9	23	8.0
Cabell .....	60	25.8	242	79.2	147	14.1	157	34.9	116	17.5	132	8.2
Calhoun .....	53	11.4	138	19.3	113	5.5	134	10.4	18	22.4	4	11.9
Clay .....	35	4.4	138	9.4	52	3.7	57	3.0	24	5.1	(D)	(D)
Doddridge .....	76	16.3	223	27.1	159	9.7	172	16.6	12	43.1	2	35.3
Fayette .....	53	13.0	347	4.0	105	7.7	131	12.0	37	14.7	17	9.2
Gilmer .....	91	13.1	749	10.0	145	8.0	193	7.7	42	24.7	8	27.9
Grant .....	135	12.5	3 183	2.0	269	7.6	19 746	2.0	100	17.6	76	12.6
Greenbrier .....	343	7.7	7 413	5.4	448	6.4	5 416	3.4	168	13.8	110	16.9
Hampshire .....	150	13.6	1 653	7.7	289	9.1	5 304	2.2	161	13.0	202	13.9
Hancock .....	17	5.5	26	11.1	31	4.1	20	4.8	27	4.0	27	1.5
Hardy .....	255	8.8	18 823	1.4	345	5.3	57 671	1.2	133	15.4	318	43.2
Harrison .....	170	13.6	992	25.4	410	6.2	658	9.1	110	19.5	23	22.0
Jackson .....	213	12.6	550	15.9	444	6.3	866	25.8	148	16.9	47	23.8
Jefferson .....	85	19.2	423	5.6	271	6.4	2 612	4.1	180	9.0	761	3.6
Kanawha .....	46	12.4	87	20.1	95	6.9	121	11.6	35	13.5	18	56.2
Lewis .....	108	16.9	385	12.8	236	7.7	398	17.3	25	31.6	35	27.3
Lincoln .....	27	38.4	20	56.0	53	21.0	29	22.8	157	7.7	55	15.9
Logan .....	3	(D)	(D)	(D)	6	—	34	(D)	4	—	5	(D)
McDowell .....	1	20.4	(D)	(D)	1	—	(D)	(D)	2	—	(D)	(D)

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the State and County Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> —Con.											
	Livestock and poultry purchased				Feed for livestock and poultry				Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
Marion . . . . .	64	24.0	282	58.4	179	10.3	216	17.9	19	38.7	(D)	(D)
Marshall . . . . .	142	15.6	215	21.8	337	7.0	445	11.0	96	18.5	26	20.8
Mason . . . . .	194	13.2	987	12.3	380	6.8	1 599	2.5	261	9.0	488	4.2
Mercer . . . . .	128	16.9	260	39.4	213	11.9	206	21.9	79	22.6	18	33.9
Mineral . . . . .	92	17.9	754	10.4	199	9.7	3 451	2.0	64	22.1	47	12.1
Mingo . . . . .	3	18.2	(D)	(D)	5	13.4	(D)	(D)	1	35.2	(D)	(D)
Monongalia . . . . .	118	19.3	782	36.9	242	9.4	556	22.3	55	26.1	13	28.9
Monroe . . . . .	208	11.9	4 989	9.8	386	7.3	2 850	1.7	165	14.6	214	12.8
Morgan . . . . .	47	13.0	78	20.1	63	10.0	115	9.3	58	9.8	29	15.3
Nicholas . . . . .	90	16.6	500	6.0	169	9.8	360	9.9	49	26.1	9	19.9
Ohio . . . . .	50	12.3	65	19.5	96	6.5	391	17.3	52	12.2	30	18.4
Pendleton . . . . .	246	8.5	8 663	3.3	435	5.4	41 489	.1	149	13.3	114	12.2
Pleasants . . . . .	48	13.4	105	16.9	85	7.8	166	13.5	25	19.3	9	30.6
Pocahontas . . . . .	127	20.3	1 260	28.4	206	12.4	285	19.7	82	26.0	49	38.1
Preston . . . . .	276	11.2	953	17.1	471	6.8	1 925	10.4	276	10.5	202	10.6
Putnam . . . . .	114	20.7	504	43.4	257	10.5	356	28.5	150	16.5	172	19.5
Raleigh . . . . .	63	21.1	273	28.8	123	11.7	229	14.7	37	26.6	36	14.0
Randolph . . . . .	147	13.7	1 183	18.8	221	9.8	690	13.8	58	24.9	82	20.1
Ritchie . . . . .	114	15.2	591	14.9	245	7.9	404	8.7	75	21.2	14	22.1
Roane . . . . .	176	11.1	661	13.8	250	8.5	322	11.4	82	18.8	12	18.6
Summers . . . . .	128	16.5	890	27.1	163	12.8	317	17.3	69	22.8	60	12.0
Taylor . . . . .	80	16.4	578	42.0	192	7.0	542	28.8	38	20.9	94	4.8
Tucker . . . . .	49	12.5	177	20.5	97	6.7	102	13.0	23	17.5	10	14.4
Tyler . . . . .	54	19.1	89	27.9	133	9.8	148	12.6	46	19.7	9	22.7
Upshur . . . . .	122	18.7	346	45.0	265	9.0	356	19.3	57	30.8	19	39.7
Wayne . . . . .	44	13.9	91	37.3	98	6.9	142	12.6	50	11.7	116	9.7
Webster . . . . .	15	6.4	7	9.3	33	4.3	29	6.5	14	7.0	2	11.1
Wetzel . . . . .	58	11.4	68	15.7	140	5.8	117	8.9	46	14.6	11	35.6
Wirt . . . . .	55	11.9	321	21.8	122	6.1	240	12.6	40	15.2	111	2.2
Wood . . . . .	144	15.6	299	21.0	303	7.7	365	22.0	73	20.9	74	15.8
Wyoming . . . . .	5	9.2	6	15.5	19	4.6	10	4.9	7	8.3	1	3.8
Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> —Con.											
	Commercial fertilizer				Agricultural chemicals				Petroleum products			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
West Virginia .	9 074	1.5	11 710	2.9	3 756	2.8	4 950	2.6	16 807	.5	16 457	1.2
Barbour . . . . .	196	10.1	155	19.9	70	21.4	37	35.1	419	1.8	313	9.2
Berkeley . . . . .	258	7.0	455	5.0	189	10.2	1 376	4.2	494	1.9	684	3.6
Boone . . . . .	12	10.9	3	16.1	3	23.0	(D)	(D)	21	7.3	2	13.7
Braxton . . . . .	150	9.7	124	15.6	51	19.6	23	33.2	251	3.7	145	9.1
Brooke . . . . .	31	4.6	27	15.8	22	6.5	(D)	(D)	89	3.1	70	5.7
Cabell . . . . .	186	10.5	97	25.6	83	21.4	23	10.0	299	2.2	166	15.5
Calhoun . . . . .	70	9.0	60	12.8	26	18.3	7	34.6	160	2.8	102	7.2
Clay . . . . .	55	3.6	49	6.6	19	5.1	10	5.2	95	2.8	47	3.4
Doddridge . . . . .	112	13.1	58	19.7	25	36.9	3	52.3	275	3.1	191	11.4
Fayette . . . . .	134	5.8	114	8.3	42	13.9	4	15.0	193	2.3	100	8.7
Gilmer . . . . .	111	11.4	57	12.8	21	35.7	3	25.0	215	1.0	132	13.0
Grant . . . . .	179	10.4	216	21.2	93	18.4	56	10.2	363	2.0	838	5.0
Greenbrier . . . . .	354	8.4	831	10.6	173	12.6	167	24.3	698	2.0	982	6.7
Hampshire . . . . .	340	7.6	533	20.1	147	14.1	277	13.1	533	2.0	696	5.0
Hancock . . . . .	38	3.4	28	8.7	21	5.0	8	4.3	59	2.9	55	4.9
Hardy . . . . .	160	13.5	400	6.6	110	16.5	220	5.7	455	2.4	1 847	3.1
Harrison . . . . .	217	12.2	181	19.4	90	20.2	27	34.5	541	3.3	298	11.4
Jackson . . . . .	409	7.6	256	13.1	97	20.1	28	34.1	709	1.6	386	11.0
Jefferson . . . . .	206	7.8	1 626	14.4	158	10.4	1 112	4.7	339	3.1	769	4.9
Kanawha . . . . .	54	11.4	27	12.8	23	16.2	7	26.3	146	3.2	70	7.5
Lewis . . . . .	169	12.2	123	14.0	41	27.9	16	19.5	359	2.0	266	10.6
Lincoln . . . . .	170	6.2	63	13.5	101	14.9	36	36.5	206	2.2	80	12.2
Logan . . . . .	6	—	4	—	5	—	2	—	9	—	12	—
McDowell . . . . .	5	6.5	5	4.2	4	8.1	(D)	(D)	7	7.2	2	3.8
Marion . . . . .	100	16.9	45	19.8	27	37.3	5	43.8	303	3.0	170	15.4
Marshall . . . . .	217	12.1	98	20.1	109	19.9	27	23.7	503	2.2	228	7.0
Mason . . . . .	481	5.8	774	4.8	194	12.2	178	10.7	706	2.1	768	4.1
Mercer . . . . .	286	7.4	216	11.5	107	19.8	31	26.1	377	3.3	178	11.5
Mineral . . . . .	127	15.6	170	12.1	51	23.9	65	14.2	321	3.5	277	5.8
Mingo . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	18.2	1	27.0
Monongalia . . . . .	160	14.7	151	26.6	61	25.4	11	24.7	410	2.0	297	9.9
Monroe . . . . .	414	5.8	773	9.0	167	13.6	221	8.6	587	2.3	723	5.1
Morgan . . . . .	104	5.8	119	11.7	52	9.5	98	2.0	146	2.8	137	9.9
Nicholas . . . . .	201	8.2	144	11.9	50	24.9	9	38.3	293	2.4	146	10.8
Ohio . . . . .	59	10.3	67	16.9	50	12.7	20	17.3	132	2.5	122	10.1
Pendleton . . . . .	264	8.2	441	6.9	101	15.7	119	15.1	583	.9	1 553	2.5
Pleasants . . . . .	60	10.3	42	16.4	29	17.9	8	32.8	123	3.1	43	7.6
Pocahontas . . . . .	162	15.1	386	14.8	69	29.0	48	16.7	341	2.2	251	10.5
Preston . . . . .	538	5.8	801	12.3	222	12.5	233	25.4	809	2.1	718	10.5

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Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> —Con.											
	Commercial fertilizer				Agricultural chemicals				Petroleum products			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
Putnam .....	320	7.6	256	11.2	133	19.3	69	29.0	421	3.2	259	9.8
Raleigh .....	170	8.8	173	11.6	62	20.5	59	51.7	254	2.4	151	12.5
Randolph .....	203	10.8	260	11.6	77	21.7	61	9.8	379	2.4	258	8.0
Ritchie .....	129	15.6	108	15.6	52	25.1	10	23.5	326	3.6	234	11.3
Roane .....	170	11.6	148	17.5	71	20.9	21	12.6	416	3.0	196	6.9
Summers .....	211	9.9	290	19.4	75	23.3	40	12.7	274	6.1	219	13.1
Taylor .....	105	13.6	89	15.7	34	27.9	26	31.0	257	3.2	203	8.1
Tucker .....	104	7.0	105	13.6	35	14.8	20	23.5	180	2.6	130	7.7
Tyler .....	110	12.7	42	17.6	40	25.4	6	29.4	197	5.0	109	13.0
Upshur .....	187	12.3	168	28.1	88	22.0	37	42.0	387	1.4	207	15.7
Wayne .....	99	6.8	91	10.9	29	18.3	12	19.1	149	2.1	117	10.7
Webster .....	34	4.3	16	4.9	11	6.9	2	8.1	67	3.1	26	4.2
Wetzel .....	96	8.4	33	11.2	40	14.1	7	23.6	242	2.2	88	8.7
Wirt .....	98	8.1	72	10.4	27	18.7	18	14.1	184	2.8	150	6.6
Wood .....	225	10.7	134	18.4	73	15.9	22	37.8	474	3.1	230	8.1
Wyoming .....	18	5.3	7	11.2	6	9.6	1	8.2	28	4.0	11	17.2
Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> —Con.											
	Electricity				Hired farm labor				Contract labor			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
<b>West Virginia .</b>	<b>7 454</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5 346</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>4 513</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>24 160</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1 080</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>3 270</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Barbour .....	200	11.2	54	14.8	161	12.4	258	16.8	27	40.8	8	39.9
Berkeley .....	312	7.8	270	8.1	122	16.3	3 781	5.4	62	25.0	942	2.4
Boone .....	4	19.6	(D)	(D)	1	38.5	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—
Braxton .....	69	17.3	21	31.4	71	17.9	80	15.2	8	49.2	4	58.8
Brooke .....	43	4.2	35	11.3	16	7.7	144	9.7	2	21.1	(D)	(D)
Cabell .....	154	13.1	46	22.4	60	27.0	230	3.3	15	62.5	105	63.3
Calhoun .....	48	13.2	8	12.3	42	12.2	36	7.5	9	24.5	4	26.3
Clay .....	23	5.6	5	7.1	29	4.7	27	7.9	7	7.6	8	10.8
Doddridge .....	103	14.5	19	21.7	95	13.0	62	27.7	6	57.4	10	13.4
Fayette .....	78	10.2	19	13.5	56	12.0	156	24.5	27	17.0	23	23.4
Gilmer .....	74	16.9	16	23.2	61	17.5	56	27.3	16	42.6	23	36.6
Grant .....	203	9.1	380	7.1	88	17.6	763	1.7	35	29.2	40	29.3
Greenbrier .....	375	7.7	454	5.2	225	10.8	1 302	8.1	63	21.3	153	7.9
Hampshire .....	264	8.8	228	13.9	150	14.1	663	5.4	26	39.5	71	21.0
Hancock .....	30	4.0	12	4.6	15	5.7	61	2.8	7	8.9	(D)	(D)
Hardy .....	287	7.2	960	2.5	190	9.6	3 369	4.0	41	36.3	166	19.6
Harrison .....	231	12.4	83	29.5	160	14.2	257	8.9	31	45.4	25	77.1
Jackson .....	262	10.6	80	20.9	138	16.6	114	18.0	34	37.8	85	55.3
Jefferson .....	245	7.4	338	3.2	131	12.3	2 336	1.2	38	29.2	406	7.4
Kanawha .....	76	8.9	21	10.4	45	12.4	250	6.1	19	18.9	27	22.0
Lewis .....	152	12.5	45	27.8	137	14.0	167	22.2	16	42.4	25	59.7
Lincoln .....	64	19.3	6	19.7	61	24.6	40	32.3	37	33.7	107	41.9
Logan .....	4	—	2	—	4	—	23	—	3	(D)	(D)	—
McDowell .....	4	8.1	5	2.1	3	—	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—
Marion .....	111	13.3	48	30.0	63	21.7	200	5.3	3	—	(D)	(D)
Marshall .....	323	7.8	96	10.5	130	15.7	114	19.8	15	55.8	5	63.3
Mason .....	343	8.7	243	9.4	138	15.1	2 046	2.7	55	24.8	108	28.7
Mercer .....	60	26.2	10	30.0	84	21.7	80	33.3	42	38.3	47	50.0
Mineral .....	134	12.7	96	7.7	91	20.0	346	2.7	3	—	28	—
Mingo .....	2	17.6	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monongalia .....	199	12.2	99	20.3	119	17.4	190	21.3	29	42.4	29	43.2
Monroe .....	232	11.5	219	7.3	199	13.4	946	9.8	49	29.0	177	21.1
Morgan .....	66	8.0	31	16.2	26	14.9	196	7.9	7	32.8	(D)	(D)
Nicholas .....	80	19.0	31	5.0	68	20.7	375	1.3	12	52.3	9	52.5
Ohio .....	85	7.7	49	17.1	27	18.6	69	10.2	6	42.9	1	42.9
Pendleton .....	325	6.3	500	1.0	159	10.9	957	2.6	30	14.8	105	8.5
Pleasants .....	42	15.0	12	10.1	21	25.4	67	10.0	6	51.0	1	70.3
Pocahontas .....	109	22.6	(D)	(D)	98	24.8	192	12.5	3	—	(D)	(D)
Preston .....	439	6.7	216	8.3	179	15.3	958	7.3	31	42.3	32	44.9
Putnam .....	169	14.3	98	19.7	115	20.9	564	15.7	13	62.1	10	59.7
Raleigh .....	106	14.1	31	10.0	58	20.1	107	4.9	8	53.3	27	59.1
Randolph .....	156	12.8	75	18.6	113	17.1	497	7.1	12	44.3	50	26.3
Ritchie .....	113	16.5	23	20.1	91	19.2	50	32.8	27	33.1	25	35.1
Roane .....	116	15.4	32	21.9	125	14.8	101	24.6	29	31.4	15	35.9
Summers .....	69	14.8	31	3.7	53	27.5	252	4.8	33	31.1	36	14.1
Taylor .....	90	13.1	44	19.5	63	19.2	504	7.9	21	37.6	54	10.4
Tucker .....	68	9.6	21	10.1	42	11.7	50	12.8	2	51.4	(D)	(D)
Tyler .....	91	12.0	20	33.9	47	20.9	60	39.7	5	62.5	3	55.8
Upshur .....	184	11.6	61	11.2	130	18.4	391	24.4	51	33.3	87	24.6

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**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the State and County Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> —Con.											
	Electricity				Hired farm labor				Contract labor			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
Wayne.....	62	10.7	22	14.6	34	15.9	66	16.6	18	21.6	21	22.7
Webster.....	19	5.2	2	6.6	15	5.9	5	7.6	5	10.7	1	13.3
Wetzel.....	80	9.5	13	11.7	38	14.6	27	14.7	4	47.3	7	47.0
Wirt.....	82	8.9	37	12.4	51	13.5	293	2.9	12	27.1	8	22.7
Wood.....	188	11.8	50	26.0	69	24.8	269	67.7	18	45.5	15	26.2
Wyoming.....	6	7.7	1	14.4	6	8.7	1	11.1	2	12.4	(D)	(D)
Farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> —Con.												
Geographic area	Repair and maintenance				Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment				Interest			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
West Virginia .	13 407	.9	22 093	1.6	2 186	3.8	4 650	4.1	3 991	2.8	21 169	2.5
Barbour.....	355	5.1	523	14.2	36	33.6	42	42.4	87	20.8	367	23.0
Berkeley.....	459	3.4	1 212	6.2	107	16.5	236	14.2	133	14.8	1 006	14.1
Boone.....	13	9.9	5	12.0	2	27.3	(D)	(D)	1	38.6	(D)	(D)
Braxton.....	183	5.9	197	13.0	21	32.4	18	32.3	47	21.9	62	17.3
Brooke.....	61	3.6	109	6.1	9	8.5	24	16.0	20	6.2	78	7.7
Cabell.....	185	10.4	171	14.5	28	41.1	16	29.1	22	44.3	238	56.3
Calhoun.....	120	5.3	158	10.5	5	43.5	1	19.9	30	15.9	89	18.0
Clay.....	70	3.3	106	4.4	8	10.1	5	10.6	15	6.7	46	7.6
Doddridge.....	215	6.2	244	12.9	16	38.1	7	14.7	43	24.4	113	27.9
Fayette.....	141	5.4	161	14.0	18	26.7	13	34.9	24	19.3	69	31.8
Gilmer.....	166	6.8	257	9.9	11	53.5	17	71.1	42	22.7	151	14.8
Grant.....	319	4.9	637	7.2	78	14.1	488	6.6	126	12.5	1 238	13.5
Greenbrier.....	556	4.3	1 286	4.2	149	13.4	202	14.9	237	9.8	1 524	8.6
Hampshire.....	457	4.4	936	12.2	128	15.6	242	23.0	157	15.0	1 112	18.5
Hancock.....	51	3.1	93	4.0	10	6.3	5	4.6	18	5.0	35	5.1
Hardy.....	407	3.8	1 482	5.2	116	15.9	1 074	2.0	220	10.4	3 840	2.2
Harrison.....	453	5.4	596	10.8	61	30.1	53	40.4	123	18.8	349	21.4
Jackson.....	543	5.0	689	11.7	50	27.2	19	22.6	106	19.3	405	21.6
Jefferson.....	315	4.0	1 515	4.6	107	15.1	467	15.8	121	13.7	1 186	6.4
Kanawha.....	109	5.9	182	12.7	15	26.0	13	40.5	28	16.1	101	14.6
Lewis.....	250	7.5	256	14.0	35	32.0	10	42.6	75	21.3	165	27.1
Lincoln.....	127	11.3	96	17.9	10	70.9	17	36.7	28	42.9	130	58.7
Logan.....	9	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	(D)	(D)
McDowell.....	6	8.5	3	2.9	2	16.3	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—
Marion.....	234	6.9	199	12.8	19	53.5	13	60.7	52	28.1	105	33.9
Marshall.....	379	6.1	426	9.2	39	34.0	5	31.9	105	19.7	218	33.4
Mason.....	509	5.6	1 100	9.2	43	30.2	61	37.4	146	15.5	877	8.2
Mercer.....	269	8.2	308	20.0	54	29.6	21	37.8	113	18.2	307	25.6
Mineral.....	234	8.5	394	13.0	50	28.0	67	17.9	62	22.8	311	23.9
Mingo.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monongalia.....	340	5.6	478	19.4	55	30.1	33	35.8	95	21.1	251	26.9
Monroe.....	504	4.6	1 018	5.3	116	17.3	165	18.8	173	14.0	905	12.3
Morgan.....	132	3.9	264	6.5	19	22.4	(D)	(D)	26	19.2	109	26.4
Nicholas.....	225	6.8	229	15.0	21	27.2	19	13.3	56	23.3	145	22.8
Ohio.....	111	4.7	192	9.7	19	24.7	8	18.2	29	19.2	1 109	28.0
Pendleton.....	461	4.5	1 166	4.4	202	9.8	659	3.7	226	9.1	1 679	4.2
Pleasants.....	101	4.9	99	15.7	10	34.4	7	41.1	32	16.8	95	21.3
Pocahontas.....	260	8.0	370	10.9	20	51.1	33	10.8	82	24.8	165	20.5
Preston.....	679	3.8	982	7.6	135	17.2	252	54.6	276	11.6	775	14.7
Putnam.....	337	6.7	440	20.4	54	30.7	44	26.7	66	27.5	242	29.6
Raleigh.....	221	5.7	326	11.8	21	37.3	20	38.9	54	21.1	174	23.0
Randolph.....	273	7.6	402	10.3	12	44.3	11	1.5	53	24.4	144	18.6
Ritchie.....	302	4.7	355	15.4	18	38.9	12	54.6	107	16.3	294	18.1
Roane.....	326	6.2	340	9.6	45	28.4	17	40.2	50	19.3	183	23.2
Summers.....	195	9.5	309	18.5	16	42.8	83	9.0	66	28.0	327	36.8
Taylor.....	201	6.7	248	12.8	31	28.1	22	21.0	54	23.1	169	19.6
Tucker.....	142	4.9	143	7.7	10	19.5	(D)	(D)	33	13.0	79	8.4
Tyler.....	171	6.7	114	11.6	35	22.7	11	20.6	46	20.5	184	24.0
Upshur.....	301	7.1	377	17.7	50	35.5	28	43.5	74	25.5	158	34.6
Wayne.....	124	4.8	122	9.8	15	25.8	15	14.7	27	19.6	48	24.1
Webster.....	51	3.4	33	5.2	3	13.2	2	15.4	4	11.2	9	11.5
Wetzel.....	178	4.5	158	9.3	6	39.8	(D)	(D)	29	17.9	72	27.6
Wirt.....	152	4.4	161	6.9	24	18.1	8	18.0	45	14.3	288	10.7
Wood.....	404	5.1	398	14.4	19	51.8	24	71.8	103	18.8	433	25.0
Wyoming.....	21	4.2	19	11.4	3	8.3	(D)	(D)	3	12.9	(D)	(D)

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Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> —Con.											
	Cash rent				Property taxes paid				All other farm production expenses			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
West Virginia .	1 958	4.0	4 316	2.9	17 120	.5	10 201	1.5	14 003	.8	30 419	1.3
Barbour .....	50	27.0	30	32.2	418	2.4	114	7.6	366	4.2	414	10.0
Berkeley .....	114	14.5	458	4.6	491	2.1	445	8.4	444	4.1	1 827	2.6
Boone .....	1	38.6	(D)	(D)	22	7.2	10	9.8	12	10.2	(D)	(D)
Braxton .....	40	21.8	43	8.9	277	1.8	139	26.6	185	6.4	191	14.7
Brooke .....	8	9.0	14	16.0	89	3.1	66	5.6	65	3.6	146	4.6
Cabell .....	9	74.4	10	82.3	291	3.2	161	18.9	218	8.5	166	15.9
Calhoun .....	18	22.4	15	47.7	164	2.6	65	5.1	123	5.1	79	9.8
Clay .....	4	10.5	(D)	(D)	97	2.8	37	3.3	69	3.3	52	4.3
Doddridge .....	16	38.5	7	42.9	298	1.6	128	7.4	243	5.1	147	12.0
Fayette .....	16	28.5	6	28.1	200	2.0	107	8.2	165	3.9	121	6.9
Gilmer .....	29	25.8	26	18.1	214	1.0	92	7.5	175	6.5	202	10.6
Grant .....	78	18.9	216	20.5	356	2.4	289	4.5	339	4.4	1 468	3.8
Greenbrier .....	126	16.0	378	11.2	701	1.9	600	3.1	592	3.3	2 422	2.4
Hampshire .....	67	21.8	212	13.5	537	1.4	440	14.6	468	4.2	950	4.3
Hancock .....	2	14.9	(D)	(D)	63	2.8	38	3.5	55	3.0	51	4.1
Hardy .....	106	16.1	404	9.1	443	3.1	530	6.2	411	3.7	4 028	5.4
Harrison .....	40	31.0	44	21.5	596	1.2	342	8.8	482	4.9	604	6.6
Jackson .....	49	31.3	39	33.6	713	1.6	435	10.7	589	3.7	514	13.2
Jefferson .....	90	16.3	592	6.9	349	1.7	559	4.7	333	3.3	2 037	3.8
Kanawha .....	5	39.9	7	49.3	149	2.8	113	7.7	129	4.5	155	6.0
Lewis .....	49	24.8	47	34.3	351	2.7	162	9.4	290	5.7	266	17.2
Lincoln .....	32	37.8	29	73.4	178	5.9	66	12.6	187	4.1	167	11.6
Logan .....	1	—	(D)	(D)	7	—	5	—	7	—	27	—
McDowell .....	—	—	—	—	7	7.2	5	1.7	6	8.5	12	1.4
Marion .....	16	39.1	16	38.8	299	3.0	159	17.4	213	8.7	184	13.0
Marshall .....	31	40.2	29	46.8	526	1.1	228	5.5	398	4.2	381	9.0
Mason .....	52	23.2	237	6.6	722	1.6	398	5.5	534	4.7	1 442	4.3
Mercer .....	15	49.5	20	51.7	387	3.0	206	13.5	323	6.3	242	12.2
Mineral .....	17	38.9	41	32.5	337	2.0	251	11.8	223	9.5	474	5.9
Mingo .....	1	35.2	(D)	(D)	5	13.4	1	13.4	1	35.2	(D)	(D)
Monongalia .....	25	46.0	29	56.6	411	2.5	297	10.8	314	6.1	322	18.8
Monroe .....	66	23.3	275	7.5	594	2.0	273	5.5	509	4.3	1 447	6.5
Morgan .....	19	20.1	39	20.6	159	2.3	140	5.0	126	4.4	147	8.8
Nicholas .....	39	29.2	29	33.8	287	3.0	125	10.2	210	6.5	147	13.6
Ohio .....	21	21.1	12	27.4	130	3.2	72	6.2	117	4.0	236	24.7
Pendleton .....	97	18.0	255	6.4	564	2.1	356	8.7	503	3.7	3 116	3.2
Pleasants .....	15	32.3	16	31.9	124	3.2	57	10.9	98	6.3	65	9.0
Pocahontas .....	24	43.4	77	4.1	336	3.4	165	16.3	313	4.3	479	17.9
Preston .....	132	17.5	81	17.7	827	1.8	394	6.6	715	3.2	1 065	7.9
Putnam .....	54	24.8	103	34.1	433	2.9	361	8.8	321	7.4	294	11.3
Raleigh .....	26	31.1	54	20.3	240	3.9	153	7.1	232	4.7	261	11.2
Randolph .....	69	23.4	111	17.3	368	3.5	93	6.5	335	4.6	588	5.6
Ritchie .....	16	41.4	12	27.9	347	1.6	159	12.3	266	6.6	336	14.4
Roane .....	52	22.4	29	18.6	441	1.9	160	8.2	339	5.5	329	10.3
Summers .....	48	28.4	107	39.3	306	2.1	114	10.5	220	8.1	622	8.7
Taylor .....	37	25.9	45	9.7	263	2.9	156	8.6	163	8.0	431	12.8
Tucker .....	27	18.1	25	16.5	185	2.4	69	4.5	150	4.5	143	11.4
Tyler .....	3	—	2	—	233	1.2	109	6.6	168	7.6	99	11.2
Upshur .....	39	39.1	29	48.5	382	3.4	145	11.5	344	5.1	460	16.0
Wayne .....	22	20.0	19	24.5	149	2.1	81	8.2	123	4.1	161	11.9
Webster .....	6	8.2	2	7.7	72	3.0	21	3.6	53	3.4	32	5.2
Wetzel .....	1	32.1	(D)	(D)	257	1.5	106	5.6	178	4.5	124	7.4
Wirt .....	19	21.2	35	27.8	186	2.8	101	5.7	144	4.9	429	3.5
Wood .....	16	53.1	4	58.5	512	1.3	293	7.1	397	5.2	299	11.9
Wyoming .....	3	8.3	(D)	(D)	27	3.9	11	7.9	20	4.5	11	7.4
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup>												
Geographic area	Total cropland											
	Farms		Acres		Farms		Acres		Farms		Acres	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
	West Virginia .	.4	57 522	3.4	16 509	.4	1 336 723	.4	15 086	.4	621 632	.3
Barbour .....	436	.9	333	97.4	422	.4	38 874	1.1	403	.4	16 788	1.0
Berkeley .....	511	.6	2 019	17.9	473	.5	46 917	1.0	428	.6	31 819	1.0
Boone .....	23	7.1	—1	(H)	23	1.2	357	10.3	23	1.2	129	11.0
Braxton .....	281	1.2	47	(H)	258	.5	24 056	1.5	241	.7	9 517	1.9
Brooke .....	95	3.0	92	33.6	91	.9	6 758	3.8	88	1.1	3 262	3.7
Cabell .....	306	1.0	149	(H)	283	.6	10 294	1.8	251	.8	3 920	2.0
Calhoun .....	172	1.8	—218	16.8	163	.5	11 868	1.8	153	.8	4 581	1.9
Clay .....	100	2.8	—55	16.6	95	.8	5 362	3.0	84	1.2	2 005	5.9
Doddridge .....	303	1.1	—338	33.1	287	.5	27 184	1.7	262	.6	8 401	1.7
Fayette .....	206	1.6	226	35.1	193	.6	9 772	2.2	176	.9	4 639	2.1
Gilmer .....	215	1.0	—217	41.6	205	.5	24 735	1.4	184	.7	7 588	1.8
Grant .....	376	.7	5 349	8.1	323	.5	33 574	1.3	300	.7	14 730	1.3
Greenbrier .....	729	.7	16 510	3.1	664	.6	62 392	1.0	564	.7	26 124	.9
Hampshire .....	549	.7	1 457	43.3	504	.5	49 803	1.1	459	.6	25 121	1.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the State and County Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup>				Total cropland				Harvested cropland			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Acres		Farms		Acres	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
Hancock .....	64	2.8	117	13.9	63	.8	3 446	2.8	56	1.4	1 879	2.8
Hardy .....	468	.6	12 717	5.7	408	.5	42 564	.8	351	.6	20 889	.7
Harrison .....	603	.7	—99	(H)	562	.5	48 282	1.2	518	.6	19 215	1.3
Jackson .....	732	.6	—258	97.8	700	.4	48 010	1.0	643	.5	18 700	1.1
Jefferson .....	358	.8	2 226	13.7	323	.6	55 634	1.1	274	.9	39 536	1.2
Kanawha .....	156	2.1	99	76.1	134	1.1	6 300	3.0	111	1.7	2 158	4.1
Lewis .....	366	.8	602	35.6	339	.5	33 439	1.5	323	.6	12 476	1.2
Lincoln .....	216	1.2	482	61.2	212	.6	8 501	2.9	195	.9	2 229	3.0
Logan .....	10	—	—38	—	10	—	(D)	(D)	8	—	103	—
McDowell .....	7	7.2	39	1.4	7	1.2	250	5.2	6	8.3	153	.3
Marion .....	317	1.0	—443	52.1	293	.5	18 740	1.1	257	.7	6 967	1.4
Marshall .....	535	.7	—455	30.2	514	.4	32 158	1.0	487	.4	17 287	1.1
Mason .....	745	.6	2 942	10.7	699	.5	49 364	1.0	655	.5	26 789	1.0
Mercer .....	411	.8	—268	59.0	381	.6	18 258	1.6	348	.7	7 862	1.5
Mineral .....	344	.7	1 449	10.0	314	.5	27 214	1.3	274	.7	13 934	1.4
Mingo .....	5	13.4	—5	17.3	1	47.1	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—
Monongalia .....	429	.8	—364	(H)	403	.4	28 482	1.3	377	.5	12 124	1.2
Monroe .....	619	.7	2 655	16.5	554	.5	47 626	1.1	503	.7	23 974	1.0
Morgan .....	162	2.0	—287	20.6	151	.7	10 647	1.6	144	.9	6 087	2.1
Nicholas .....	305	1.1	445	42.4	285	.5	16 798	1.9	268	.7	8 602	2.2
Ohio .....	136	2.3	442	45.5	128	.8	12 648	2.6	118	1.1	7 688	2.8
Pendleton .....	590	.4	6 005	4.8	495	.3	45 150	1.1	440	.5	18 237	.5
Pleasants .....	131	2.1	—123	50.6	116	.9	6 101	3.4	99	1.3	2 760	2.8
Pocahontas .....	358	.8	371	70.7	324	.6	38 292	1.2	310	.7	15 931	1.0
Preston .....	865	.6	812	67.4	824	.3	73 525	.6	770	.4	41 897	.5
Putnam .....	455	.9	973	31.1	430	.6	21 064	1.4	398	.7	9 977	1.3
Raleigh .....	261	1.0	—144	92.1	244	.6	13 609	2.0	216	.9	6 542	2.0
Randolph .....	398	.8	1 444	19.6	370	.5	36 399	1.4	337	.7	16 847	1.4
Ritchie .....	352	.9	—347	52.3	330	.5	34 512	1.4	308	.6	13 986	1.9
Roane .....	455	.8	8	(H)	419	.4	41 419	1.1	395	.5	14 349	1.4
Summers .....	316	.8	93	(H)	296	.5	20 342	1.0	263	.7	8 876	1.3
Taylor .....	278	1.0	1 169	26.9	259	.4	17 434	1.5	243	.5	8 335	1.3
Tucker .....	191	1.7	88	60.1	177	.6	11 288	1.7	166	.7	5 801	1.3
Tyler .....	233	1.2	—163	51.4	225	.7	19 683	1.9	205	.9	8 211	2.0
Upshur .....	401	.8	—355	57.7	375	.5	28 181	1.6	357	.6	12 122	1.6
Wayne .....	151	1.9	140	53.6	140	.9	8 090	2.5	116	1.4	3 429	3.1
Webster .....	74	3.0	5	(H)	74	.5	3 032	2.8	62	1.4	1 376	3.6
Wetzel .....	259	1.4	—191	26.9	246	.5	12 714	1.3	226	.7	6 452	1.4
Wirt .....	199	2.0	308	17.1	190	.7	14 842	2.1	183	.8	6 184	1.6
Wood .....	519	.9	—13	(H)	479	.5	29 433	1.4	433	.7	12 531	1.5
Wyoming .....	31	3.7	92	33.9	31	.4	1 153	6.4	27	1.6	513	4.4
Geographic area	Irrigated land				Livestock and poultry							
	Farms		Acres		Cattle and calves inventory				Beef cows inventory			
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Farms	Total	Farms	Total	Farms	Total	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
West Virginia .	268	1.4	3 285	4.1	12 284	.4	439 462	.4	10 367	.4	202 844	.4
Barbour .....	5	8.3	8	8.9	357	.6	12 037	2.2	304	.7	5 430	1.0
Berkeley .....	18	4.7	98	8.9	289	1.0	13 135	1.4	224	1.3	5 601	1.8
Boone .....	—	—	—	—	11	8.4	94	15.4	9	9.5	47	20.2
Braxton .....	—	—	—	—	206	.9	6 267	1.2	181	1.1	3 426	1.4
Brooke .....	—	—	—	—	58	2.4	1 840	3.6	48	3.0	658	4.6
Cabell .....	9	8.5	66	2.7	163	1.4	2 243	2.4	141	1.6	(D)	(D)
Calhoun .....	—	—	—	—	118	1.2	3 483	3.4	106	1.4	1 780	3.1
Clay .....	1	—	(D)	(D)	73	1.7	1 541	2.8	59	2.4	705	2.5
Doddridge .....	3	13.1	(D)	(D)	214	.9	4 320	1.4	196	1.0	2 532	1.6
Fayette .....	3	13.1	5	17.6	142	1.3	3 551	2.9	122	1.6	1 855	3.2
Gilmer .....	3	10.8	3	10.8	166	1.0	6 244	1.5	138	1.3	2 496	1.7
Grant .....	10	5.0	99	6.1	292	.7	14 335	.9	253	.8	7 726	1.0
Greenbrier .....	13	7.8	91	17.4	531	.8	39 450	1.0	389	1.1	14 628	1.2
Hampshire .....	11	7.7	540	22.3	382	.8	16 435	1.2	336	.9	9 410	1.2
Hancock .....	4	4.9	(D)	(D)	43	2.1	824	3.2	38	2.5	(D)	(D)
Hardy .....	8	8.4	240	12.6	325	.7	22 825	.8	286	.8	10 506	.8
Harrison .....	8	8.4	26	12.6	414	.8	12 221	1.4	349	1.0	5 926	1.5
Jackson .....	7	9.1	45	5.3	495	.7	12 218	1.2	427	.8	6 629	1.2
Jefferson .....	14	6.2	470	1.2	217	1.2	16 854	1.5	171	1.5	5 498	2.4
Kanawha .....	2	16.8	(D)	(D)	82	2.3	1 445	3.5	72	2.5	804	3.4
Lewis .....	4	11.1	(D)	(D)	271	.8	9 804	1.6	227	1.1	4 950	1.7
Lincoln .....	5	12.7	11	16.1	91	2.4	1 126	3.0	73	2.9	588	3.6
Logan .....	1	—	(D)	(D)	3	—	93	—	2	—	(D)	(D)
McDowell .....	—	—	—	—	2	25.0	(D)	(D)	2	25.0	(D)	(D)
Marion .....	5	8.4	14	10.2	235	.8	4 610	1.5	211	1.0	2 466	1.8
Marshall .....	3	9.5	5	11.4	363	.7	7 415	.9	313	.9	3 641	1.2
Mason .....	10	7.0	70	19.2	453	.9	15 820	1.2	388	1.0	6 567	1.7
Merger .....	4	16.6	4	16.6	265	1.0	6 040	1.8	228	1.2	3 102	1.7
Mineral .....	13	5.2	236	5.7	214	1.0	7 211	1.8	175	1.2	3 668	2.2

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**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the State and County Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Irrigated land				Livestock and poultry							
	Farms		Acres		Cattle and calves inventory				Beef cows inventory			
					Farms		Total		Farms		Total	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
Mingo .....	—	—	—	—	1	47.1	(D)	(D)	1	47.1	(D)	(D)
Monongalia .....	7	9.7	46	16.1	301	.8	7 120	1.3	258	1.0	(D)	(D)
Monroe .....	8	8.9	14	15.0	490	.7	27 627	1.0	390	.9	10 886	1.4
Morgan .....	7	7.7	53	9.6	71	2.2	1 986	2.6	57	2.6	(D)	(D)
Nicholas .....	2	18.7	(D)	(D)	209	1.0	6 663	2.5	171	1.3	2 886	2.0
Ohio .....	1	19.2	(D)	(D)	96	1.6	3 167	2.8	71	2.4	995	3.3
Pendleton .....	10	2.8	448	.1	440	.5	22 781	.5	358	.6	10 389	.7
Pleasants .....	2	24.8	(D)	(D)	93	1.4	2 182	2.0	81	1.7	1 065	2.6
Pocahontas .....	3	13.8	8	23.6	258	1.0	15 330	1.1	218	1.2	7 333	1.3
Preston .....	4	9.2	(D)	(D)	620	.5	22 157	1.1	517	.6	8 846	1.1
Putnam .....	5	10.0	14	11.9	287	1.1	5 180	1.9	264	1.2	(D)	(D)
Raleigh .....	6	12.4	(D)	(D)	183	1.2	4 160	2.0	148	1.5	2 188	2.1
Randolph .....	2	18.5	(D)	(D)	264	1.0	11 424	1.4	210	1.3	4 950	1.5
Ritchie .....	6	11.4	104	18.3	260	.9	7 876	1.7	235	1.0	3 969	1.7
Roane .....	4	9.6	4	9.6	337	.7	9 358	1.2	287	.8	4 864	1.7
Summers .....	11	7.9	134	12.0	242	.8	8 287	1.4	195	1.1	3 420	1.7
Taylor .....	2	—	(D)	(D)	207	.7	7 149	1.6	179	.8	3 410	1.9
Tucker .....	2	21.7	(D)	(D)	129	1.3	3 228	1.5	110	1.5	(D)	(D)
Tyler .....	1	32.1	(D)	(D)	165	1.3	3 829	2.3	147	1.6	2 103	3.2
Upshur .....	4	10.5	(D)	(D)	277	.9	8 086	1.9	236	1.1	4 372	1.8
Wayne .....	5	10.5	31	22.5	113	1.4	2 569	2.7	96	1.8	(D)	(D)
Webster .....	1	20.4	(D)	(D)	55	1.8	570	2.8	46	2.5	322	4.0
Wetzel .....	2	14.0	(D)	(D)	154	1.3	2 330	1.7	138	1.4	1 238	1.7
Wirt .....	3	12.4	28	13.3	153	1.2	4 728	2.3	134	1.5	2 577	3.0
Wood .....	5	9.8	27	15.5	381	.8	7 714	1.5	333	.9	3 947	1.7
Wyoming .....	1	25.8	(D)	(D)	23	2.6	454	7.3	19	3.6	(D)	(D)
Livestock and poultry—Con.												
Geographic area	Milk cows inventory				Hogs and pigs inventory				Sheep and lambs inventory			
	Farms		Total		Farms		Total		Farms		Total	
					Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
West Virginia .	676	.9	18 497	.6	645	1.0	15 708	1.6	979	.8	40 709	1.0
Barbour .....	17	4.8	296	5.4	17	5.5	139	10.8	10	6.4	296	7.7
Berkeley .....	23	3.3	1 540	1.3	22	4.7	4 493	.3	28	4.3	599	7.4
Boone .....	3	14.8	6	28.9	2	21.7	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—
Braxton .....	11	7.1	21	9.6	12	5.7	92	7.2	12	6.4	376	9.2
Brooke .....	9	7.4	285	9.1	4	15.2	161	16.0	4	13.9	129	7.7
Cabell .....	2	19.5	(D)	(D)	8	8.3	62	11.6	5	12.4	(D)	(D)
Calhoun .....	11	7.6	18	9.7	4	10.1	11	10.9	2	22.6	(D)	(D)
Clay .....	11	8.4	28	11.8	9	7.5	55	8.6	3	10.6	(D)	(D)
Doddridge .....	6	12.9	17	12.2	5	12.5	19	13.3	11	7.9	171	9.8
Fayette .....	7	10.2	21	12.3	14	6.8	86	10.1	5	12.2	148	14.7
Gilmer .....	8	7.6	59	22.1	7	8.8	67	9.4	10	7.1	254	5.6
Grant .....	8	6.7	149	5.8	7	8.3	64	10.7	45	3.2	1 722	7.2
Greenbrier .....	43	3.5	1 776	1.4	30	5.0	561	23.8	65	3.2	2 515	3.1
Hampshire .....	9	9.9	13	8.5	28	4.8	615	5.3	24	5.1	601	5.7
Hancock .....	1	30.7	(D)	(D)	4	6.8	28	3.5	3	12.1	(D)	(D)
Hardy .....	12	7.0	339	6.2	30	3.4	1 073	4.9	43	3.2	2 386	4.0
Harrison .....	12	6.1	409	2.6	8	9.9	27	12.4	9	10.2	218	12.3
Jackson .....	19	5.5	198	5.2	27	4.8	225	9.5	30	4.3	684	5.1
Jefferson .....	28	2.8	3 305	1.0	17	6.2	1 947	6.8	19	5.9	352	7.5
Kanawha .....	5	12.7	21	12.6	7	12.1	(D)	(D)	7	10.5	145	11.3
Lewis .....	9	8.3	102	16.3	9	7.2	25	11.1	23	4.3	1 019	3.6
Lincoln .....	3	12.4	3	12.4	5	13.3	72	21.1	3	15.8	(D)	(D)
Logan .....	1	—	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
McDowell .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marion .....	7	8.6	10	9.9	9	7.2	63	10.3	16	5.4	291	7.1
Marshall .....	27	3.0	646	2.0	34	3.6	279	6.6	25	4.3	812	4.0
Mason .....	30	3.6	1 969	1.7	11	7.3	701	2.7	11	8.1	250	16.1
Mercer .....	10	8.1	36	10.1	13	7.3	92	10.9	8	8.5	217	9.5
Mineral .....	15	5.4	335	2.3	8	8.7	28	9.2	26	3.4	778	3.6
Mingo .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monongalia .....	4	10.2	(D)	(D)	12	7.6	214	4.1	29	4.4	1 200	4.1
Monroe .....	37	3.4	1 713	.6	23	5.1	326	11.4	41	4.0	1 975	8.3
Morgan .....	2	12.1	(D)	(D)	5	11.8	62	11.6	5	12.5	47	13.3
Nicholas .....	11	7.4	172	1.2	15	6.5	244	12.3	9	9.7	205	11.7
Ohio .....	21	5.8	703	6.5	12	8.3	82	9.1	9	9.4	176	12.1
Pendleton .....	19	4.3	52	5.0	15	4.1	1 249	2.1	149	1.3	8 970	1.2
Pleasants .....	5	9.8	23	8.4	7	7.2	108	8.7	1	18.9	(D)	(D)
Pocahontas .....	8	8.5	116	3.9	14	6.2	201	8.7	55	3.1	4 401	3.0
Preston .....	64	2.2	1 912	1.8	25	3.9	265	6.5	46	2.9	2 871	4.3
Putnam .....	4	16.3	(D)	(D)	6	10.7	12	13.3	7	11.0	98	14.5
Raleigh .....	11	7.6	43	18.6	8	9.2	18	8.7	10	8.2	178	10.3
Randolph .....	20	5.6	564	3.3	12	7.2	262	1.1	47	3.4	2 850	4.8
Ritchie .....	10	7.8	22	10.5	14	6.8	42	9.6	11	6.9	672	7.0
Roane .....	16	6.1	37	13.7	21	5.2	152	7.9	16	5.6	509	8.3

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**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the State and County Totals: 1997—Con.**

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Geographic area	Livestock and poultry—Con.											
	Milk cows inventory				Hogs and pigs inventory				Sheep and lambs inventory			
	Farms		Total		Farms		Total		Farms		Total	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
Summers .....	20	5.1	345	.8	12	7.9	55	10.6	9	6.4	194	5.6
Taylor .....	6	8.7	140	14.5	12	6.5	77	17.1	4	11.9	(D)	(D)
Tucker .....	4	12.1	(D)	(D)	12	5.6	216	13.2	15	5.6	416	5.1
Tyler .....	5	10.8	143	9.2	9	9.0	(D)	(D)	8	11.7	189	15.2
Upshur .....	22	5.2	33	5.7	15	6.8	36	8.1	15	5.3	363	5.5
Wayne .....	7	9.9	(D)	(D)	4	13.8	79	28.8	4	14.4	(D)	(D)
Webster .....	5	13.4	9	13.7	8	10.4	60	10.9	7	10.1	191	12.5
Wetzel .....	10	7.1	30	5.9	12	5.9	123	9.4	17	5.8	394	6.5
Wirt .....	8	9.9	215	9.3	8	10.4	129	10.8	7	9.2	78	12.0
Wood .....	9	8.4	113	12.3	11	7.9	87	9.6	11	8.4	279	9.4
Wyoming .....	1	25.8	(D)	(D)	2	12.9	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—
Livestock and poultry—Con.												
Geographic area	Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory					Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold						
	Farms		Total			Farms		Total				
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)		Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)		Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)		
West Virginia .	1 085	.8	1 448 777	1.5	186	.9	79 193 428	.1				
Barbour .....	32	3.8	793	7.1	—	—	(D)	(D)				
Berkeley .....	23	5.1	589	5.3	2	16.0						
Boone .....	5	16.1	105	18.2	—	—						
Braxton .....	22	4.8	917	7.2	—	—						
Brooke .....	5	15.2	129	19.6	—	—						
Cabell .....	17	6.5	251	8.7	—	—						
Calhoun .....	16	6.4	200	7.1	—	—						
Clay .....	8	8.4	208	6.8	—	—						
Doddridge .....	24	4.8	538	5.3	1	40.0	(D)	(D)				
Fayette .....	13	6.8	341	12.9	—	—						
Gilmer .....	18	5.5	263	7.2	—	—						
Grant .....	29	3.9	288 524	4.2	39	1.7	15 210 209	.2				
Greenbrier .....	39	4.6	844	7.9	—	—						
Hampshire .....	35	3.6	126 921	3.5	9	5.4	4 144 861	.4				
Hancock .....	3	10.8	45	11.5	—	—						
Hardy .....	67	2.0	756 302	1.6	79	.9	38 514 510	.1				
Harrison .....	27	5.2	642	8.2	2	14.3	(D)	(D)				
Jackson .....	37	4.0	539	4.9	—	—						
Jefferson .....	20	6.3	3 460	22.9	1	27.5	(D)	(D)				
Kanawha .....	4	16.2	44	23.8	—	—						
Lewis .....	16	5.3	293	7.2	1	27.8	(D)	(D)				
Lincoln .....	11	9.0	179	12.1	—	—						
Logan .....	—	—	—	—	—	—						
McDowell .....	—	—	—	—	—	—						
Marion .....	13	6.6	279	8.7	—	—						
Marshall .....	30	4.3	631	5.6	1	28.6	(D)	(D)				
Mason .....	31	4.8	502	6.2	—	—						
Mercer .....	17	6.3	266	7.2	1	26.2	(D)	(D)				
Mineral .....	20	5.1	35 599	7.2	5	—	2 410 000					
Mingo .....	1	47.1	(D)	(D)	—	—						
Monongalia .....	18	5.7	(D)	(D)	2	10.0	(D)	(D)				
Monroe .....	23	5.7	404	5.9	—	—						
Morgan .....	9	7.6	515	6.1	—	—						
Nicholas .....	26	4.9	552	6.1	—	—						
Ohio .....	10	9.3	217	9.0	—	—						
Pendleton .....	32	3.1	215 364	4.9	33	.9	18 863 174	(L)				
Pleasants .....	13	7.1	307	6.7	—	—						
Pocahontas .....	31	4.6	741	4.7	1	28.9	(D)	(D)				
Preston .....	50	2.9	1 268	5.1	4	9.8	150	13.8				
Putnam .....	17	6.5	564	11.4	—	—						
Raleigh .....	16	6.1	313	6.6	1	17.3	(D)	(D)				
Randolph .....	30	4.6	606	5.8	—	—						
Ritchie .....	26	5.0	550	6.7	—	—						
Roane .....	36	3.9	788	6.8	2	18.4	(D)	(D)				
Summers .....	18	5.2	336	5.8	—	—						
Taylor .....	15	4.8	374	4.6	—	—						
Tucker .....	7	8.5	117	7.9	—	—						
Tyler .....	12	8.4	283	9.7	—	—						
Upshur .....	29	4.2	498	5.0	—	—						
Wayne .....	7	10.5	246	10.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Webster .....	15	5.9	303	8.3	1	29.1	(D)	(D)				
Wetzel .....	26	4.5	684	6.2	1	28.1	(D)	(D)				
Wirt .....	10	9.7	131	11.7	—	—						
Wood .....	26	5.2	411	6.7	—	—						
Wyoming .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

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**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the State and County Totals: 1997—Con.**

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Geographic area	Selected crops harvested											
	Corn for grain or seed						Corn for silage or green chop					
	Farms		Acres		Quantity		Farms		Acres		Quantity	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Bushels	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Tons, green	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
West Virginia .	1 150	.7	35 499	.8	3 270 197	.7	929	.7	27 642	.5	380 942	.6
Barbour .....	9	5.9	41	9.3	3 402	10.8	13	4.4	164	4.7	2 182	4.8
Berkeley .....	83	2.3	3 063	2.2	198 047	2.5	49	2.8	2 298	2.1	20 873	2.1
Boone .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Braxton .....	11	6.6	38	5.7	2 651	4.6	9	5.4	230	6.5	2 729	15.9
Brooke .....	17	5.5	244	13.0	26 087	12.0	6	9.5	174	10.9	2 605	12.5
Cabell .....	18	5.3	201	5.9	13 526	8.4	1	19.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Calhoun .....	2	17.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1	20.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Clay .....	3	14.6	24	14.2	2 400	14.2	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Doddridge .....	8	9.0	20	10.5	1 125	12.3	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Fayette .....	13	7.6	46	9.7	3 590	10.1	9	8.8	95	9.6	1 455	9.1
Gilmer .....	9	6.6	61	5.3	3 423	6.4	4	—	73	—	788	—
Grant .....	16	5.9	459	18.3	29 401	19.1	30	3.1	759	2.3	8 659	2.1
Greenbrier .....	30	3.6	357	4.6	40 614	5.1	86	2.0	2 433	1.4	40 994	1.5
Hampshire .....	36	4.2	937	9.4	70 344	10.7	46	3.3	623	2.7	7 271	3.4
Hancock .....	13	5.5	77	5.1	7 399	4.9	1	30.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hardy .....	57	1.8	3 010	.8	282 669	.7	83	1.4	2 638	1.3	44 035	1.1
Harrison .....	9	8.9	34	7.5	1 973	4.8	18	4.8	286	3.8	4 886	4.1
Jackson .....	47	3.4	623	5.3	54 790	4.6	9	6.8	114	5.5	2 160	5.8
Jefferson .....	86	2.2	10 374	1.3	891 305	1.1	54	2.7	5 229	1.0	59 816	1.2
Kanawha .....	3	18.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1	33.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Lewis .....	9	7.1	59	4.8	4 425	4.0	9	6.5	266	7.1	1 899	6.8
Lincoln .....	22	5.9	115	12.9	6 567	11.6	1	31.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Logan .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
McDowell .....	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marion .....	1	19.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marshall .....	18	4.2	173	8.8	10 804	10.5	13	4.0	297	1.7	3 321	1.7
Mason .....	91	2.4	4 531	2.4	496 186	2.0	34	3.1	1 778	1.9	28 963	1.5
Mercer .....	18	5.7	110	7.6	11 102	8.9	6	9.8	94	8.6	853	7.2
Mineral .....	27	3.1	560	4.6	49 520	5.9	27	3.1	491	2.5	4 085	2.6
Mingo .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monongalia .....	12	6.0	150	4.1	13 900	4.6	8	7.5	180	7.7	4 270	14.3
Monroe .....	67	2.8	2 683	.5	306 902	.4	82	2.3	2 128	2.5	35 033	2.4
Morgan .....	22	5.1	202	5.3	13 087	5.7	11	6.1	258	7.7	1 858	8.0
Nicholas .....	15	6.3	84	9.0	6 221	10.5	9	7.7	170	3.8	2 186	5.3
Ohio .....	26	4.6	370	7.2	23 020	7.4	15	6.6	344	6.5	4 484	7.8
Pendleton .....	23	2.5	1 105	.5	97 853	.5	51	1.6	1 698	1.3	23 333	1.2
Pleasants .....	8	8.7	87	8.4	9 580	10.3	7	7.5	88	8.0	796	4.2
Pocahontas .....	15	5.7	142	5.7	17 025	6.2	50	2.8	772	2.1	12 946	1.8
Preston .....	108	1.8	2 147	3.3	191 876	3.0	87	2.0	1 763	2.2	27 719	2.1
Putnam .....	23	6.2	863	2.4	114 477	2.2	4	18.0	21	20.3	390	20.6
Raleigh .....	6	9.6	29	11.3	2 860	14.9	9	7.0	169	3.5	2 102	4.7
Randolph .....	12	6.6	709	1.6	94 528	1.2	11	6.7	476	5.5	5 914	7.8
Ritchie .....	8	10.8	49	11.0	3 905	11.3	8	9.5	205	8.9	3 039	8.4
Roane .....	13	6.5	59	6.6	5 215	7.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Summers .....	14	6.9	54	8.9	3 531	8.4	13	6.0	574	2.8	9 350	1.5
Taylor .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	17.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Tucker .....	16	5.8	286	8.4	36 225	9.0	10	7.5	54	7.4	556	7.0
Tyler .....	21	6.0	232	6.3	22 035	6.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Upshur .....	8	10.4	13	14.0	1 450	20.1	12	8.2	104	10.0	945	15.7
Wayne .....	17	6.8	356	9.3	30 695	7.9	2	22.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Webster .....	3	17.2	13	15.3	806	15.3	2	14.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wetzel .....	8	8.5	109	9.2	8 045	9.7	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wirt .....	2	14.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	6	11.1	96	10.3	1 390	7.9
Wood .....	42	3.9	537	11.6	50 006	17.1	16	6.5	209	8.0	2 792	8.4
Wyoming .....	4	14.7	13	19.4	1 400	21.2	1	25.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Geographic area	Selected crops harvested—Con.											
	Wheat for grain						Oats for grain					
	Farms		Acres		Quantity		Farms		Acres		Quantity	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Bushels	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Bushels	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
West Virginia .	191	1.5	7 620	1.2	421 453	1.2	321	1.3	2 720	1.8	132 249	1.9
Barbour .....	2	14.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1	17.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Berkeley .....	32	3.6	860	5.1	42 621	4.6	17	6.0	191	7.1	7 861	6.7
Boone .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Braxton .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	24.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Brooke .....	3	8.2	25	3.9	1 805	4.8	8	7.5	97	4.9	7 080	4.1
Cabell .....	1	19.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Calhoun .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	23.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Clay .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Doddridge .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fayette .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	15.7	12	16.6	530	16.6
Gilmer .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grant .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	11.1	40	10.9	2 430	12.0
Greenbrier .....	1	29.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	12	6.7	79	6.1	3 455	6.8
Hampshire .....	12	6.2	231	11.2	11 004	10.7	21	6.3	179	6.2	10 013	6.9

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Geographic area	Selected crops harvested—Con.											
	Wheat for grain						Oats for grain					
	Farms		Acres		Quantity		Farms		Acres		Quantity	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Bushels	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Bushels	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
Hancock .....	3	12.1	25	13.4	940	13.1	12	6.5	85	8.4	3 380	5.4
Hardy.....	3	—	46	—	1 630	—	9	3.6	80	4.4	4 000	4.7
Harrison .....	1	28.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jackson.....	6	8.8	67	8.5	2 000	9.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jefferson .....	46	2.7	3 623	1.9	225 064	1.9	6	10.2	144	14.4	6 420	14.3
Kanawha.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lewis.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	27.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Lincoln.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Logan.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
McDowell .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marion.....	1	19.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1	19.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Marshall .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	18.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mason.....	15	5.2	471	3.1	22 110	2.4	2	22.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mercer.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	11.7	31	14.7	2 340	18.7
Mineral .....	4	7.5	31	10.5	(D)	(D)	13	4.7	83	3.2	3 529	3.3
Mingo .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7.9	61	8.3	2 480	7.1
Monongalia.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	3.8	278	4.0	11 479	4.8
Monroe .....	22	4.9	1 153	1.4	(D)	(D)	21	4.5	165	5.0	7 350	5.5
Morgan .....	11	4.9	143	7.5	4 145	6.7	4	11.2	12	14.0	350	13.8
Nicholas .....	1	25.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ohio.....	7	10.5	57	9.4	2 300	9.6	16	6.3	107	7.8	3 874	8.7
Pendleton .....	4	4.0	25	2.6	1 195	1.2	1	16.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pleasants .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pocahontas .....	4	12.8	85	22.4	4 515	21.3	10	5.5	75	6.6	4 473	6.7
Preston .....	3	6.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	82	2.2	772	3.8	42 729	4.1
Putnam .....	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1	28.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Raleigh .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Randolph .....	2	16.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	7	8.1	62	5.2	2 236	5.2
Ritchie .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Roane .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	21.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Summers .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	9.0	33	18.1	1 100	10.9
Taylor .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	9.9	40	12.8	1 660	12.1
Tucker .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tyler .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	12.9	4	15.3	184	15.3
Upshur .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wayne .....	2	22.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Webster .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wetzel .....	1	28.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wirt .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wood .....	3	20.3	23	27.6	(D)	(D)	1	25.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Geographic area	Selected crops harvested—Con.											
	Tobacco						Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)					
	Farms		Acres		Quantity		Farms		Acres		Quantity	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Pounds	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Tons, dry	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
West Virginia .	744	.9	1 630	1.5	2 737 090	1.4	13 895	.4	525 257	.4	886 054	.4
Barbour .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	397	.4	16 622	1.0	24 859	1.2
Berkeley .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	345	.8	17 419	1.5	26 761	1.7
Boone .....	7	12.5	6	25.0	12 373	31.5	12	7.6	97	15.0	120	21.5
Braxton .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	233	.7	9 408	1.9	14 538	1.6
Brooke .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	78	1.4	2 763	3.2	5 412	3.8
Cabell .....	121	1.8	268	2.7	467 674	3.0	175	1.4	3 233	2.3	4 499	3.1
Calhoun .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	145	.9	4 632	1.9	6 732	2.5
Clay .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	73	1.7	1 903	6.2	3 306	5.2
Doddridge .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	260	.7	8 392	1.7	12 120	1.9
Fayette .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	168	1.0	4 621	2.3	8 231	2.6
Gilmer .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	178	.8	7 487	1.9	11 732	1.6
Grant .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	290	.7	13 735	1.4	22 694	1.4
Greenbrier .....	1	18.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	536	.8	23 688	1.0	52 180	1.1
Hampshire .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	410	.7	20 620	1.2	33 793	1.7
Hancock .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	48	1.8	1 655	3.0	2 868	6.7
Hardy .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	327	.7	14 149	.9	29 855	.9
Harrison .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	504	.6	19 016	1.3	27 707	1.4
Jackson .....	48	3.3	77	3.9	125 380	4.0	602	.6	17 908	1.1	31 504	1.6
Jefferson .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	232	1.1	13 874	1.9	26 139	2.2
Kanawha.....	3	17.9	4	18.6	3 900	18.6	90	2.1	2 083	4.3	2 485	4.2
Lewis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	308	.7	11 930	1.3	20 428	1.6
Lincoln.....	124	1.9	326	2.8	515 478	2.6	90	2.5	1 549	3.7	2 759	4.0
Logan .....	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	6	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
McDowell .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Marion .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	251	.7	6 910	1.5	10 320	2.3
Marshall .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	468	.5	16 917	1.1	22 909	1.3
Mason .....	208	1.6	439	2.5	756 468	2.6	521	.8	16 966	1.1	34 345	1.3
Merger .....	2	18.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	324	.8	7 450	1.5	13 232	1.7
Mineral .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	250	.8	12 113	1.4	17 269	1.3

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	Tobacco					Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)					
	Farms		Acres		Quantity	Farms		Acres		Quantity	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Pounds	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Tons, dry	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
Mingo .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monongalia .....	1	27.2	(D)	(D)	83 512	4.3	.6	11 936	1.3	21 479	1.5
Monroe .....	26	4.8	65	4.9			.7	17 943	1.1	36 800	1.3
Morgan .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.4	4 649	2.3	6 673	2.9
Nicholas .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	.7	8 344	2.3	13 446	2.1
Ohio .....	—	—	—	—	—	116	1.1	6 991	2.9	11 586	2.7
Pendleton .....	—	—	—	—	—	429	.5	15 205	.6	29 278	.8
Pleasants .....	—	—	—	—	—	87	1.6	2 578	3.0	4 458	3.7
Pocahontas .....	—	—	—	—	—	288	.8	14 881	1.0	31 438	1.2
Preston .....	—	—	—	—	—	748	.4	37 732	.5	63 386	.7
Putnam .....	143	2.1	323	4.7	551 853	3.7	1.0	7 588	1.7	12 810	2.4
Raleigh .....	6	7.9	9	7.5	13 738	7.8	1.0	6 279	2.1	12 629	4.3
Randolph .....	1	26.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	.7	15 403	1.5	23 032	1.6
Ritchie .....	1	31.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	.6	13 798	2.0	18 784	2.1
Roane .....	10	7.5	16	9.7	26 102	9.5	.5	14 272	1.4	20 075	1.3
Summers .....	1	20.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	.8	7 928	1.4	12 883	2.0
Taylor .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	.5	8 297	1.3	14 558	1.6
Tucker .....	—	—	—	—	—	157	.9	5 499	1.3	8 834	2.0
Tyler .....	—	—	—	—	—	193	1.0	7 974	2.1	11 931	2.3
Upshur .....	—	—	—	—	—	336	.7	11 955	1.6	17 579	1.9
Wayne .....	15	7.8	46	9.6	86 131	10.8	1.5	2 963	3.0	5 294	3.5
Webster .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.9	1 338	3.6	2 312	3.9
Wetzel .....	1	22.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	.8	6 306	1.5	6 940	1.7
Wirt .....	17	5.8	31	6.3	57 042	7.6	.9	6 110	1.7	11 701	2.0
Wood .....	7	10.6	12	16.6	19 400	21.0	.7	11 595	1.3	18 617	1.7
Wyoming .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.8	487	4.4	573	4.9
Geographic area	Selected crops harvested—Con.										
	Land in orchards										
	Farms					Acres					Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
	Number				Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number				Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
West Virginia .	530				1.2					12 446	.9
Barbour .....	8				7.0					10	7.0
Berkeley .....	69				2.5					7 045	1.0
Boone .....	7				12.2					15	14.9
Braxton .....	9				8.1					20	10.5
Brooke .....	6				12.3					41	29.7
Cabell .....	9				8.6					48	3.1
Calhoun .....	3				14.2					3	16.6
Clay .....	10				8.7					36	10.0
Doddridge .....	9				8.5					17	6.2
Fayette .....	6				10.8					10	12.2
Gilmer .....	6				8.0					14	16.2
Grant .....	8				7.2					19	7.4
Greenbrier .....	17				7.1					33	9.6
Hampshire .....	50				3.3					2 183	3.6
Hancock .....	1				30.7					(D)	(D)
Hardy .....	5				11.4					13	16.6
Harrison .....	7				12.6					38	20.6
Jackson .....	8				9.0					22	12.2
Jefferson .....	19				6.0					1 490	2.2
Kanawha .....	4				15.4					16	19.9
Lewis .....	7				10.7					15	21.3
Lincoln .....	3				19.3					5	20.3
Logan .....	—				—					—	—
McDowell .....	4				12.5					(D)	(D)
Marion .....	4				11.0					8	13.7
Marshall .....	22				4.9					69	6.9
Mason .....	11				9.0					17	12.2
Mercer .....	11				9.2					28	11.0
Mineral .....	8				9.2					44	11.6
Mingo .....	—				—					—	—
Monongalia .....	16				6.5					47	10.0
Monroe .....	8				11.1					108	4.8
Morgan .....	20				5.0					495	2.6
Nicholas .....	11				6.4					53	7.8
Ohio .....	1				37.7					(D)	(D)
Pendleton .....	8				8.9					17	10.8
Pleasants .....	5				12.6					9	13.2
Pocahontas .....	13				7.9					26	10.3
Preston .....	10				7.3					19	11.3
Putnam .....	12				8.6					27	11.5
Raleigh .....	9				10.6					40	15.2
Randolph .....	17				6.3					52	11.9
Ritchie .....	5				11.3					8	12.7
Roane .....	8				8.3					37	8.8

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the State and County Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Selected crops harvested—Con.			
	Land in orchards			
	Farms		Acres	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
Summers .....	6	8.2	11	9.9
Taylor .....	3	8.3	6	4.2
Tucker .....	6	11.3	7	13.1
Tyler .....	5	12.6	14	16.5
Upshur .....	15	6.9	33	9.3
Wayne.....	3	10.3	(D)	(D)
Webster .....	3	15.8	(D)	(D)
Wetzel .....	10	7.7	22	6.8
Wirt .....	3	17.4	10	18.5
Wood .....	1	25.0	(D)	(D)
Wyoming.....	1	—	(D)	(D)

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

**Table G. Coverage Estimates: 1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Census total	Coverage total <sup>1</sup>	Adjusted census		Relative standard error (percent)	Coverage adjustment (percent)
			Total			
Farms ..... number..	17 772	3 745	21 517		3.4	17.4
Land in farms ..... acres..	3 455 532	227 569	3 683 101		3.6	6.2
Average size of farm .....	194	61	171		(X)	(X)
Farms by size of farm:						
Less than 10 acres .....	727	273	1 000		16.0	27.3
10 to 49 acres .....	3 026	1 336	4 362		9.2	30.6
50 to 179 acres .....	8 164	1 560	9 724		4.1	16.0
180 acres or more .....	5 855	576	6 431		5.0	9.0
Farms by value of sales:						
Less than \$2,500 .....	7 819	2 798	10 617		5.1	26.4
\$2,500 to \$9,999 .....	6 278	814	7 092		4.6	11.5
\$10,000 or more .....	3 675	133	3 808		3.5	3.5
Market value of agricultural products sold.....\$1,000..	447 428	12 872	460 300		1.0	2.8
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family .....	16 475	3 705	20 180		3.6	18.4
Partnership, corporation, or other .....	1 297	40	1 337		12.0	3.0
Farms by tenure of operator:						
Full owners .....	12 761	2 406	15 167		3.7	15.9
Part owners .....	4 286	1 208	5 494		6.0	22.0
Tenants .....	725	131	856		13.2	15.3
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	13 764	3 345	17 109		3.9	19.6
Not on farm operated .....	2 954	313	3 267		8.8	9.6
Not reported .....	1 054	87	1 141		5.3	7.6
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming .....	7 145	895	8 040		3.2	11.1
Other .....	10 627	2 850	13 477		4.8	21.1
Operators by sex:						
Male .....	16 088	3 377	19 465		3.4	17.3
Female .....	1 684	368	2 052		9.3	17.9
Operators by race:						
White .....	17 702	3 730	21 432		3.4	17.4
Black and other races .....	70	15	85		77.6	17.6
Operators by years on present farm:						
4 years or less .....	1 748	508	2 256		10.0	22.5
5 years or more .....	12 839	2 893	15 732		3.2	18.4
Not reported .....	3 185	344	3 529		9.2	9.7

<sup>1</sup> See text in Appendix C regarding coverage estimates.