

1997 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 3,267,188 acres in 1992 to 3,455,532 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 192 acres in 1992 to 194 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 7,169 farms in 1992 to 7,145 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

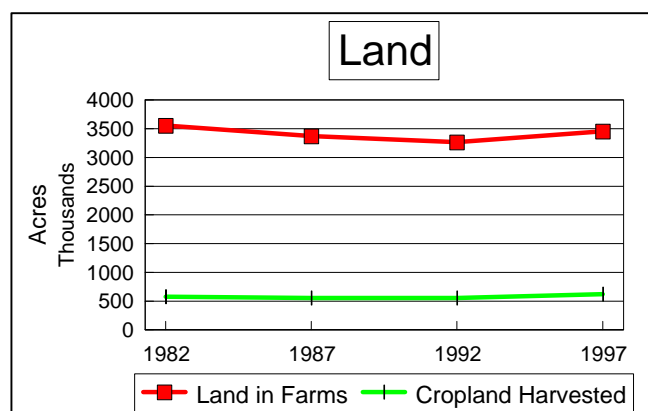
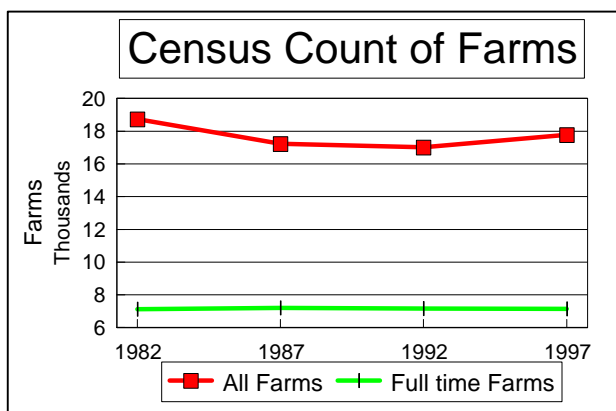
Increased 23 percent to \$447,428,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$21,399 in 1992 to \$25,176 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	447,428	44	50
Value of livestock and poultry	382,521	41	50
Value of crops including nursery	64,907	47	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Poultry & poultry products	223,083	24	50
Cattle and calves	114,726	38	50
Dairy products	35,763	45	50
Nursery and greenhouse crops	19,332	44	50
Fruits, nuts, berries	13,806	23	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	79,193,428	19	50
Turkeys sold	4,468,456	15	49
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	2,218,657	31	50
Cattle and calves sold	270,361	38	50
Sheep and lambs sold	29,803	29	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Broiler inventory	11,949,929	19	50
All turkeys inventory	1,579,760	16	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,448,777	35	50
Cattle and calves inventory	439,462	39	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	358,093	30	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Hay crops-acres	525,257	33	50
Corn for grain-acres	35,499	38	48
Corn for silage-acres	27,642	33	49
Soybeans for beans-acres	13,132	31	42
Land in orchards-acres	12,446	24	50

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	14,097	13,274	6
\$10,000 or more	3,675	3,746	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	380,631	308,703	23
Average per farmdollars..	21,375	18,136	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	57,522	49,571	16
Average per farmdollars..	3,230	2,912	11
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	16,475	15,737	5
Partnership or corporation	1,203	1,203	0
Other	94	80	18
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	7,145	7,169	-0
Other	10,627	9,851	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	16,088	15,541	4
Female	1,684	1,479	14
Operators by race:			
White	17,702	16,976	4
Black and other races	70	44	59
Average age of operator	56.7	56.4	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.