

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 20 percent from 52,748 acres in 1992 to 63,317 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 23 percent from 240 acres in 1992 to 296 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 82 farms in 1992 to 80 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

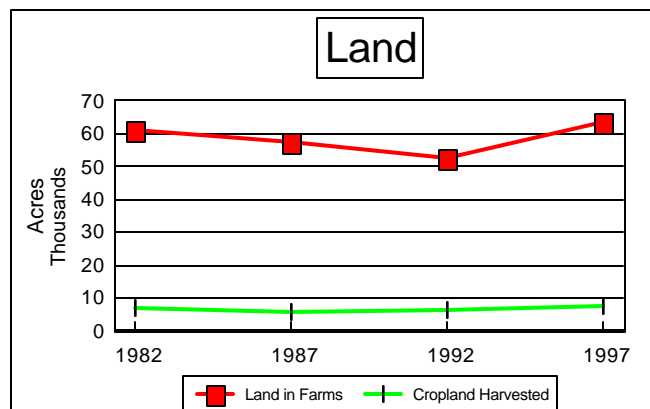
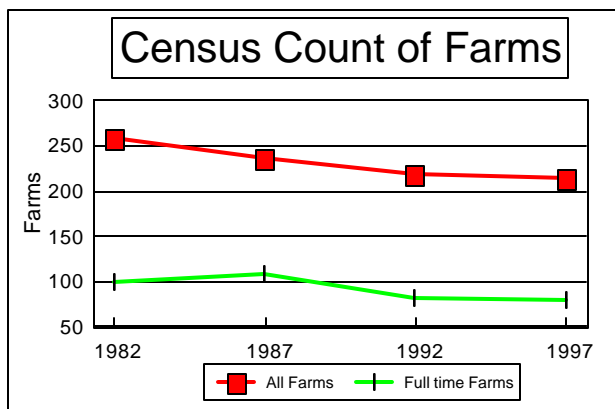
Increased 5 percent to \$1,949,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$8,453 in 1992 to \$9,110 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,949	32	55	2,950	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,780	28	55	2,763	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	170	46	54	3,000	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,713	24	55	2,265	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	143	33	54	2,529	3,043
Hogs and pigs	49	11	51	2,068	2,976
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	11	30	51	2,230	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8	48	52	2,609	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,910	25	55	2,335	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	402	15	51	2,151	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	102	38	50	2,012	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	19	35	1,623	2,203
All goats sold	33	25	47	1,695	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,244	28	55	2,464	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	263	39	52	2,153	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	254	26	50	1,753	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	226	32	54	2,489	3,066
All goat inventory	138	26	52	1,481	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,487	31	54	1,966	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	73	35	48	2,103	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	61	32	51	2,425	2,691
All nursery-acres	18	39	50	1,905	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	14	34	53	2,029	2,693

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	174	176	-1
\$10,000 or more	40	44	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,981	1,664	19
Average per farmdollars..	9,216	7,563	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(217)	102	-313
Average per farmdollars..	(1,008)	462	-318
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	204	206	-1
Partnership or corporation	10	13	-23
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	80	82	-2
Other	134	138	-3
Operators by sex:			
Male	195	202	-3
Female	19	18	6
Operators by race:			
White	214	220	-3
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	55.1	57.0	-3

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

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.