

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 15 percent from 106,325 acres in 1992 to 121,961 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 300 acres in 1992 to 325 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 14 percent from 182 farms in 1992 to 207 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

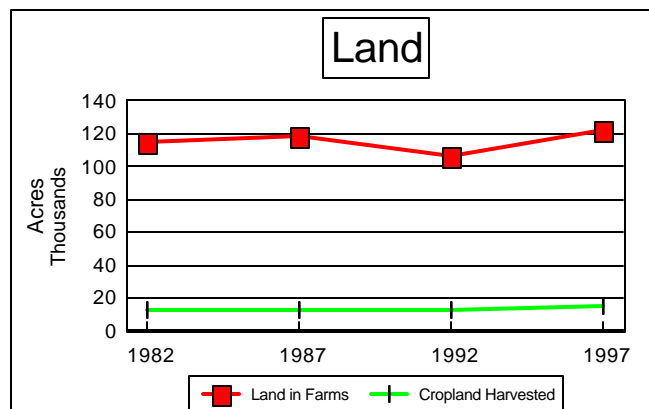
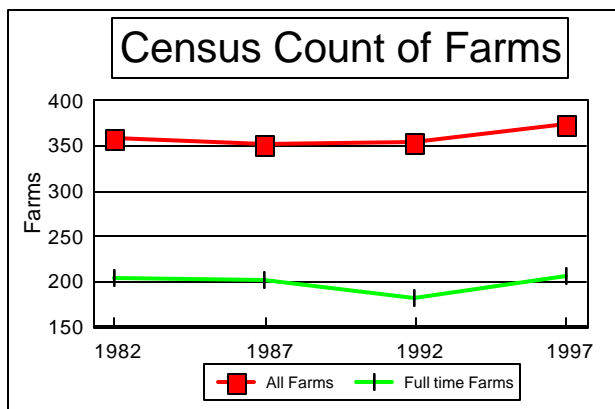
Increased 51 percent to \$34,412,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 43 percent from \$64,152 in 1992 to \$91,766 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	34,412	4	55	1,588	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	34,009	4	55	786	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	404	35	54	2,913	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	30,766	3	50	198	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,864	11	55	1,889	3,063
Dairy products	235	20	41	2,037	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	182	24	52	1,797	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	133	36	54	2,561	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	15,210,209	3	19	130	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	2	35	219	2,203
Turkeys sold	140,540	4	14	232	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	6,858	14	55	1,908	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,436	8	50	621	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	2,063,107	3	47	158	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	288,524	2	52	239	3,002
All turkeys inventory	74,112	4	39	190	2,361
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	4	47	315	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	14,335	10	55	1,838	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	13,735	18	54	1,385	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	759	10	48	1,208	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	459	14	51	2,079	2,691
All nursery-acres	(D)	15	50	1,070	2,619
Oats-acres	40	16	34	1,923	2,332

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	229	239	-4
\$10,000 or more .....	146	116	26
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	29,636	20,250	46
Average per farm .....dollars..	78,818	57,203	38
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	5,349	2,419	121
Average per farm .....dollars..	14,225	6,834	108
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	334	326	2
Partnership or corporation .....	37	29	28
Other .....	4	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	207	182	14
Other .....	168	173	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	337	315	7
Female .....	38	40	-5
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	372	354	5
Black and other races .....	3	1	200
Average age of operator .....	57.5	56.9	1

(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.