

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## HAMPSHIRE WEST VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 135,577 acres in 1992 to 140,416 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 248 acres in 1992 to 257 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 252 farms in 1992 to 243 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

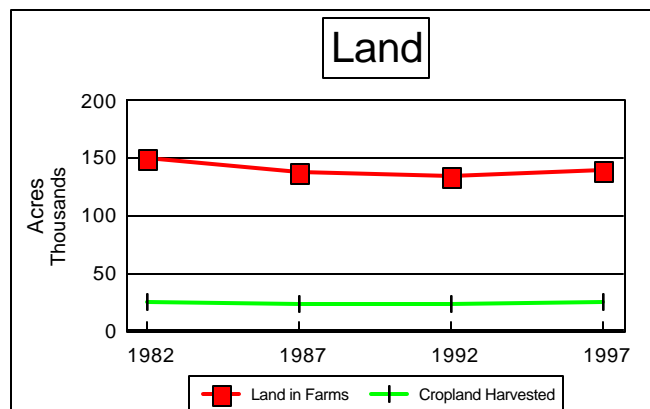
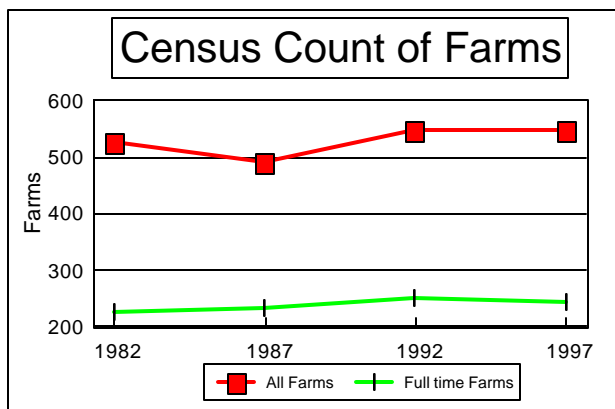
Increased 53 percent to \$15,709,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 53 percent from \$18,760 in 1992 to \$28,719 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	15,709	8	55	2,271	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	12,810	6	55	1,657	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,900	5	54	2,384	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	9,211	5	50	464	2,901
Cattle and calves	3,371	8	55	1,772	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,663	2	47	245	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	591	9	52	1,257	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	391	8	54	1,835	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,144,861	4	19	292	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		4	35	357	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	9,133	6	55	1,685	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	704	7	51	1,925	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	400	14	50	1,374	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	851,779	4	47	260	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	126,921	4	52	374	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory (D)		3	47	307	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	16,435	7	55	1,729	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	615	6	52	1,798	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	20,620	3	54	1,008	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	2,183	2	53	200	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	937	8	51	1,884	2,691
All nursery-acres	778	1	50	386	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	623	11	48	1,322	2,473

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 .....	379	401	-5
\$10,000 or more .....	168	146	15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	13,518	10,017	35
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,622	18,280	35
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,457	505	189
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,655	922	188
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	491	499	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	54	44	23
Other .....	2	4	-50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	243	252	-4
Other .....	304	295	3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	488	495	-1
Female .....	59	52	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	544	546	-0
Black and other races .....	3	1	200
Average age of operator .....	56.1	55.8	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.