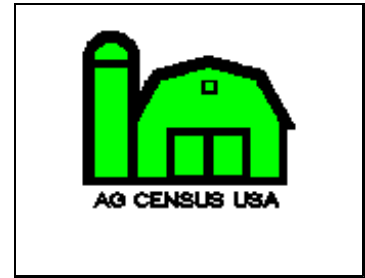


# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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## HANCOCK WEST VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 7,710 acres in 1992 to 7,140 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 103 acres in 1992 to 112 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 27 farms in 1992 to 28 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

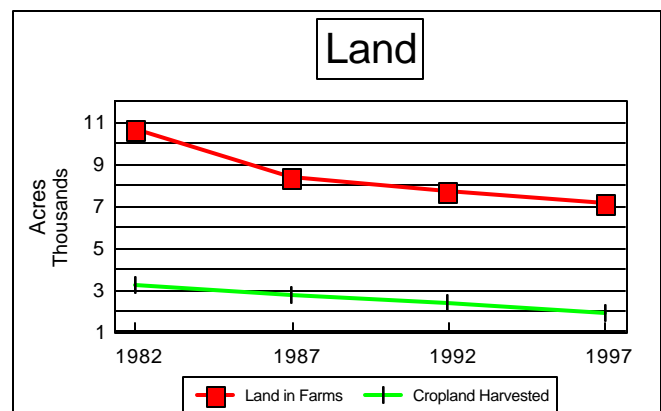
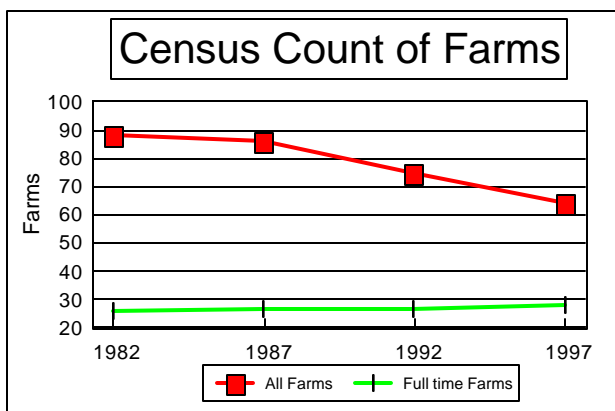
Decreased 34 percent to \$578,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 23 percent from \$11,716 in 1992 to \$9,038 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	578	48	55	3,020	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	429	33	54	2,897	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	149	49	55	3,015	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	178	25	52	1,809	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	125	39	54	2,588	3,043
Cattle and calves	117	49	55	2,964	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	105	7	51	1,361	2,739
Horses and ponies	(D)	27	51	2,435	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	314	50	55	2,966	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	28	47	1,831	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	26	44	51	2,813	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	48	50	2,460	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	23	35	1,895	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	824	49	55	2,952	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	73	47	54	2,917	3,066
All goat inventory	49	42	52	2,261	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	45	50	52	2,824	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	28	43	52	2,792	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	1,655	48	54	2,760	3,061
Oats-acres	85	9	34	1,718	2,332
Corn for grain-acres	77	31	51	2,403	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	74	9	51	1,382	2,741
Wheat-acres	25	16	26	2,490	2,612

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 .....	53	62	-15
\$10,000 or more .....	11	13	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	461	896	-49
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,209	11,950	-40
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	117	(18)	750
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,829	(233)	885
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	60	67	-10
Partnership or corporation .....	4	8	-50
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	28	27	4
Other .....	36	48	-25
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	57	71	-20
Female .....	7	4	75
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	64	75	-15
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	59.3	57.3	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.