

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## HARDY WEST VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 141,742 acres in 1992 to 142,940 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 292 acres in 1992 to 306 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Unchanged from 270 farms in 1992 to 270 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

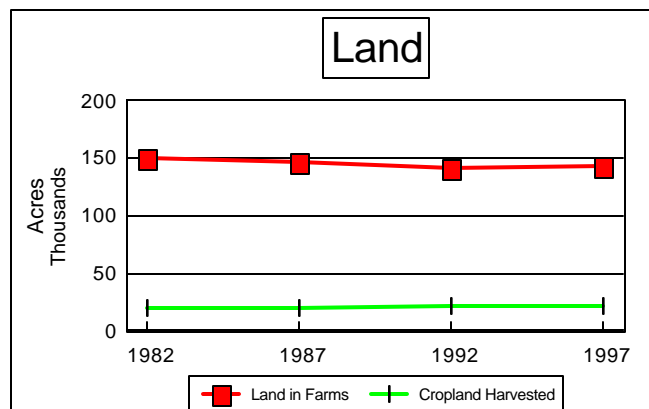
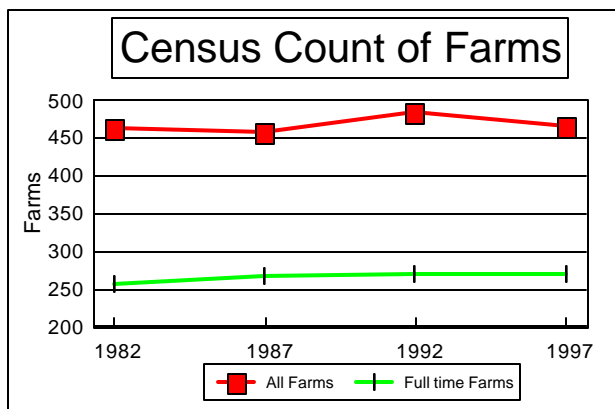
Increased 62 percent to \$109,461,000 in 1997.

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 69 percent from \$139,004 in 1992 to \$234,392 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	109,461	1	55	438	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	107,857	1	55	166	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,604	9	54	2,589	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	101,004	1	50	44	2,901
Cattle and calves	5,925	4	55	1,328	3,063
Corn for grain	758	4	45	1,429	2,582
Dairy products	596	13	41	1,657	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	388	9	54	1,850	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	38,514,510	1	19	47	1,882
Turkeys sold	1,408,488	2	14	61	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	1,274,458	1	35	64	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	12,779	4	55	1,392	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,643	5	50	551	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	5,746,680	1	47	58	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	756,302	1	52	101	3,002
All turkeys inventory	583,251	2	39	58	2,361
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	222,503	1	47	67	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	95,687	1	33	145	1,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	14,149	15	54	1,354	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,010	4	51	1,514	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	2,638	2	48	555	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	928	4	17	1,595	2,144
Sorghum for silage-acres	278	1	20	314	1,323

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 .....	233	259	-10
\$10,000 or more .....	234	227	3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	95,133	59,864	59
Average per farm .....dollars..	203,276	123,177	65
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	12,717	7,001	82
Average per farm .....dollars..	27,172	14,406	89
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	397	429	-7
Partnership or corporation .....	70	52	35
Other .....	-	5	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	270	270	
Other .....	197	216	-9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	434	454	-4
Female .....	33	32	3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	467	486	-4
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	55.6	55.4	0

(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.