

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



JEFFERSON WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 74,268 acres in 1992 to 72,978 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 222 acres in 1992 to 204 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 179 farms in 1992 to 190 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

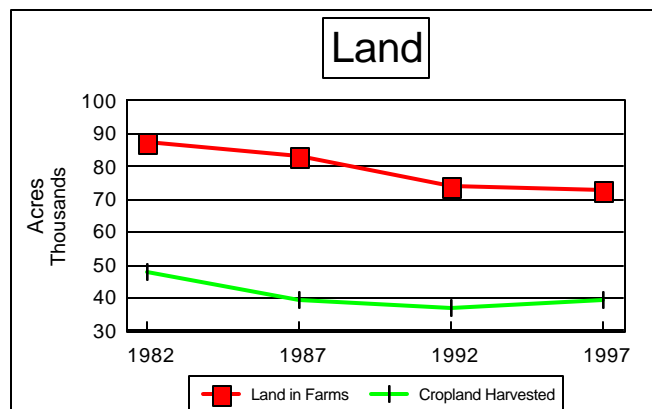
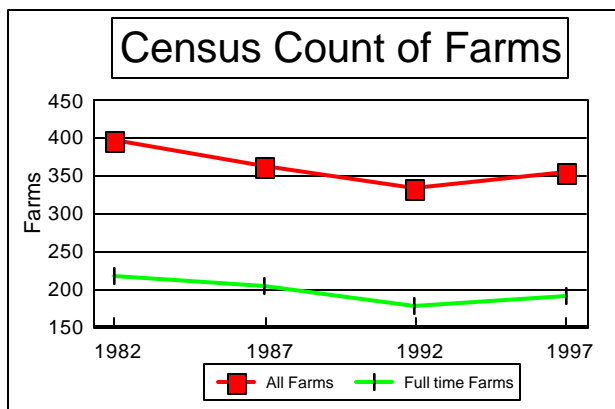
Decreased 6 percent to \$19,412,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 12 percent from \$62,088 in 1992 to \$54,375 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	19,412	5	55	2,133	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,122	7	55	1,776	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	8,290	2	54	1,872	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	7,817	1	41	459	2,563
Corn for grain	2,776	1	45	1,004	2,582
Cattle and calves	2,515	15	55	1,994	3,063
Soybeans	1,499	1	16	1,066	2,136
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,420	3	47	265	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	7,037	12	55	1,888	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,127	2	51	1,400	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	6	14	420	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	8	35	974	2,203
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	5	23	350	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	16,854	6	55	1,705	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,460	7	52	880	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,947	2	52	1,364	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,179	1	54	575	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	668	3	51	873	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	13,874	16	54	1,374	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	10,374	1	51	1,074	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,855	1	17	1,115	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	5,229	1	48	294	2,473
Wheat-acres	3,623	1	26	1,204	2,612

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	206	188	10
\$10,000 or more	151	146	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	16,738	19,722	-15
Average per farmdollars..	46,754	59,048	-21
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,226	1,394	60
Average per farmdollars..	6,217	4,174	49
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	298	277	8
Partnership or corporation	55	54	2
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	190	179	6
Other	167	155	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	321	302	6
Female	36	32	13
Operators by race:			
White	355	332	7
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	57.1	56.1	2

(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.