

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



KANAWHA WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 19,956 acres in 1992 to 19,362 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 126 acres in 1992 to 126 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 36 percent from 72 farms in 1992 to 46 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

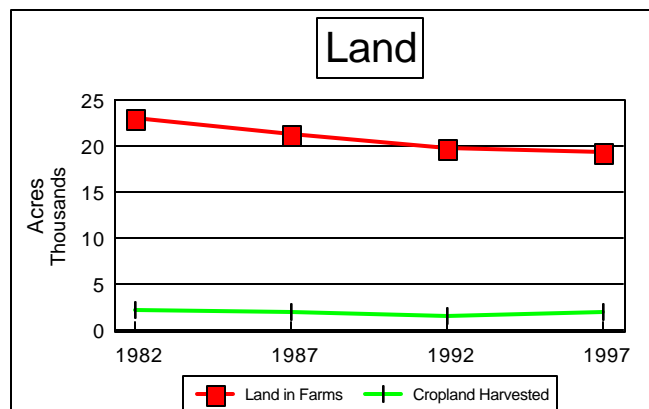
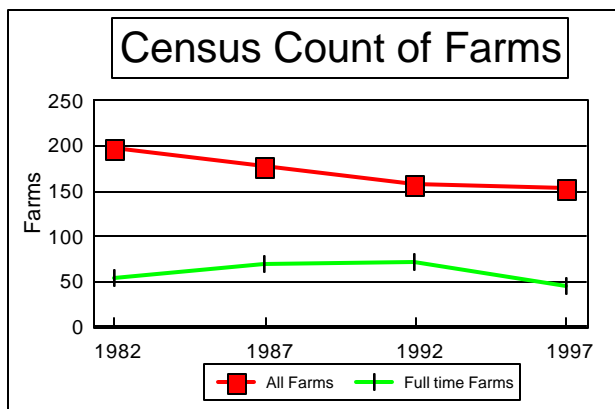
Decreased 24 percent to \$1,419,000 in 1997.

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 22 percent from \$11,810 in 1992 to \$9,213 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	1,419	38	55	2,978	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	1,050	14	54	2,718	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	368	47	55	2,972	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	966	5	52	991	2,790
Cattle and calves	271	46	55	2,881	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	36	13	51	1,790	2,739
Horses and ponies	36	21	51	2,216	3,015
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	35	49	54	2,885	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	4	23	201	1,593
Cattle and calves sold	832	45	55	2,861	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	17	51	2,202	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	144	29	50	1,862	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	17	47	1,306	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,445	47	55	2,901	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	271	26	54	2,316	3,066
Rabbit inventory	260	4	45	348	2,456
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	18	52	2,316	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	145	39	50	2,009	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,083	46	54	2,702	3,061
All nursery-acres	58	22	50	1,441	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	42	51	2,530	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	18	21	51	1,993	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	16	31	53	1,974	2,693

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	140	144	-3
\$10,000 or more	14	14	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,198	1,148	4
Average per farmdollars..	7,677	7,267	6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	99	819	-88
Average per farmdollars..	635	5,183	-88
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	142	151	-6
Partnership or corporation	12	7	71
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	46	72	-36
Other	108	86	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	138	141	-2
Female	16	17	-6
Operators by race:			
White	154	158	-3
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	56.1	57.3	-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.