

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 81,096 acres in 1992 to 79,427 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 241 acres in 1992 to 218 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 13 percent from 147 farms in 1992 to 166 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

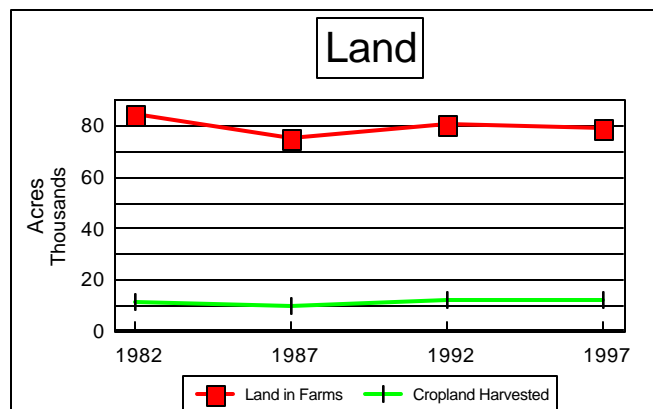
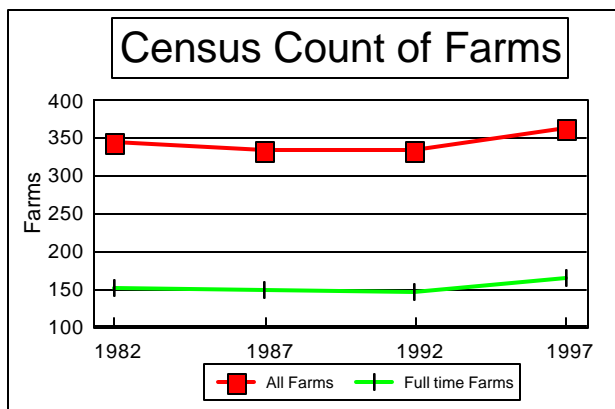
Decreased 19 percent to \$2,996,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 25 percent from \$11,034 in 1992 to \$8,230 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	2,996	20	55	2,883	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,529	18	55	2,646	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	466	30	54	2,885	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,363	16	55	2,042	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	270	18	54	2,149	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	153	29	52	1,869	2,790
Dairy products	(D)	27	41	2,260	2,563
Sheep, lambs, and wool	41	12	50	1,191	2,787
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	5,679	16	55	2,062	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	611	11	50	1,126	2,765
All goats sold	133	5	47	737	2,686
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	10	19	1,391	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	80	16	35	1,489	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	9,804	16	55	2,168	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,019	10	50	939	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	293	35	52	2,084	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	256	29	54	2,374	3,066
All goat inventory	208	12	52	1,138	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	11,930	22	54	1,513	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	266	18	48	1,716	2,473
All nursery-acres	247	5	50	832	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	59	33	51	2,431	2,691
Potatoes-acres	21	8	50	543	1,733

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 .....	284	241	18
\$10,000 or more .....	80	95	-16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	2,368	3,407	-30
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,471	10,140	-36
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	602	682	-12
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,644	2,029	-19
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	336	306	10
Partnership or corporation .....	26	29	-10
Other .....	2	1	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	166	147	13
Other .....	198	189	5
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	332	303	10
Female .....	32	33	-3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	362	334	8
Black and other races .....	2	2	
Average age of operator .....	57.4	58.6	-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.