

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



MARION WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 40,837 acres in 1992 to 39,350 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 123 acres in 1992 to 124 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 123 farms in 1992 to 109 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

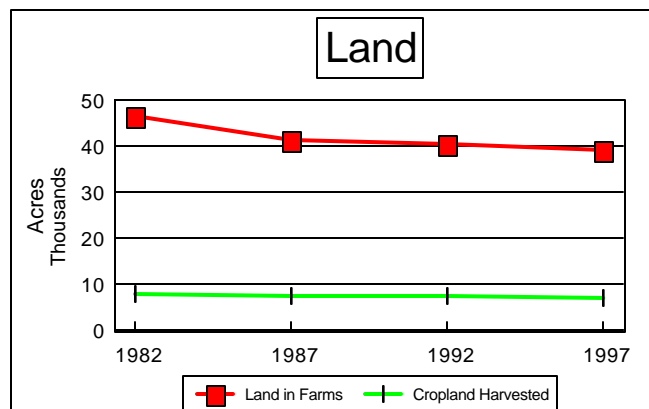
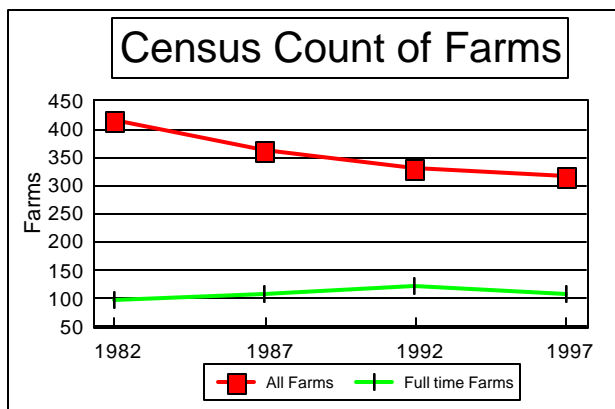
Increased 10 percent to \$1,629,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 15 percent from \$4,464 in 1992 to \$5,139 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	1,629	35	55	2,968	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	917	37	55	2,893	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	713	22	54	2,803	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	820	35	55	2,622	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	524	12	52	1,318	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	184	25	54	2,407	3,043
Horses and ponies	58	12	51	1,838	3,015
Hogs and pigs	15	26	51	2,481	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,594	32	55	2,547	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	227	23	50	1,658	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	106	30	51	2,557	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	56	12	51	1,529	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	30	47	1,853	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,610	32	55	2,618	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	470	13	54	1,679	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	291	24	50	1,684	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	279	37	52	2,121	3,002
All goat inventory	162	20	52	1,354	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,910	34	54	2,043	3,061
All nursery-acres	74	21	50	1,345	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	49	51	2,606	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	8	42	53	2,225	2,693
Oats-acres	(D)	26	34	2,231	2,332

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	295	303	-3
\$10,000 or more	22	28	-21
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,697	1,232	38
Average per farmdollars..	5,354	3,733	43
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(443)	211	-310
Average per farmdollars..	(1,397)	641	-318
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	302	312	-3
Partnership or corporation	15	18	-17
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	109	123	-11
Other	208	208	
Operators by sex:			
Male	286	308	-7
Female	31	23	35
Operators by race:			
White	312	329	-5
Black and other races	5	2	150
Average age of operator	57.8	57.6	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.