

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



MARSHALL WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 21 percent from 64,332 acres in 1992 to 78,061 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 156 acres in 1992 to 146 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 5 percent from 166 farms in 1992 to 175 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

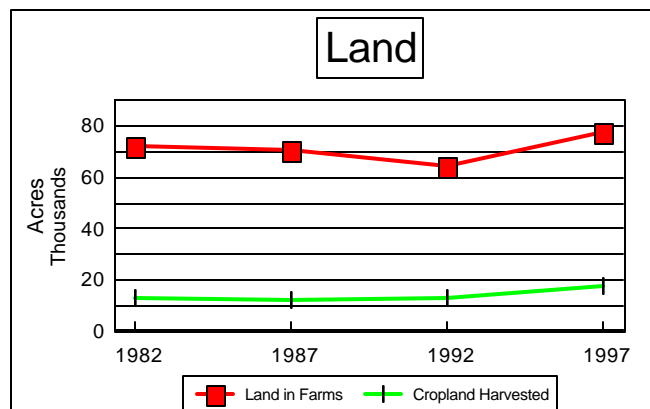
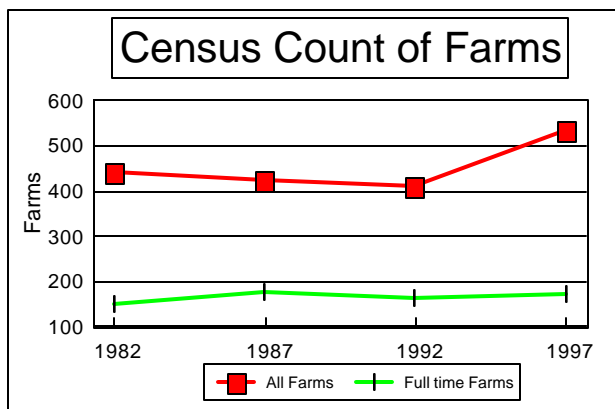
Decreased 19 percent to \$2,923,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 38 percent from \$8,771 in 1992 to \$5,453 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	2,923	21	55	2,891	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,368	19	55	2,669	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	554	28	54	2,857	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,254	29	55	2,428	3,063
Dairy products	954	9	41	1,438	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	288	14	54	2,095	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	232	23	52	1,706	2,790
Horses and ponies	57	13	51	1,847	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,380	28	55	2,420	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	687	9	50	1,047	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	285	19	51	2,284	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	78	9	23	886	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	41	19	51	1,856	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,415	22	55	2,369	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	812	11	50	1,092	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	631	16	52	1,496	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	475	12	54	1,666	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	279	10	52	2,106	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	16,917	9	54	1,199	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	297	16	48	1,672	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	173	23	51	2,280	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	69	7	53	1,240	2,693
All nursery-acres	43	28	50	1,565	2,619

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	489	353	39
\$10,000 or more	47	60	-22
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,541	2,785	-9
Average per farmdollars..	4,749	6,760	-30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(455)	438	-204
Average per farmdollars..	(850)	1,063	-180
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	513	399	29
Partnership or corporation	20	14	43
Other	3	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	175	166	5
Other	361	247	46
Operators by sex:			
Male	481	381	26
Female	55	32	72
Operators by race:			
White	533	411	30
Black and other races	3	2	50
Average age of operator	54.5	54.2	1

(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.