

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 117,168 acres in 1992 to 120,561 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 165 acres in 1992 to 162 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 8 percent from 265 farms in 1992 to 287 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

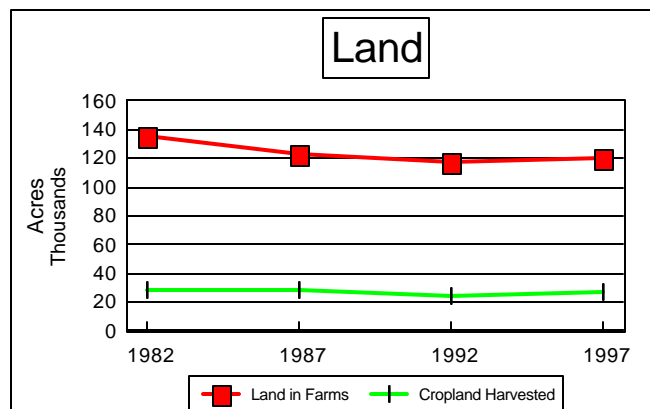
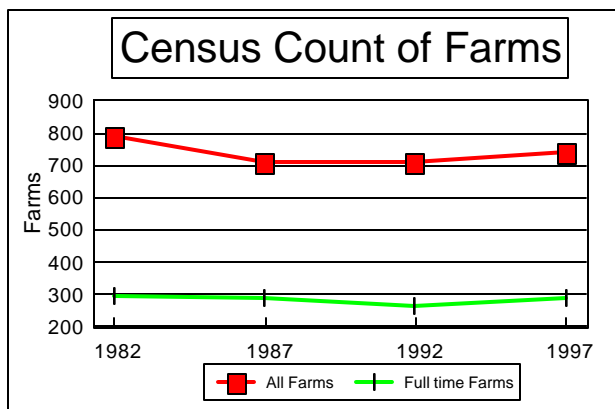
Increased 6 percent to \$15,092,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased slightly from \$20,146 in 1992 to \$20,340 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	15,092	9	55	2,297	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,646	10	55	2,070	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,446	3	54	1,927	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	4,678	2	41	663	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	1	52	491	2,790
Cattle and calves	2,759	12	55	1,917	3,063
Tobacco	1,328	1	20	289	580
Corn for grain	970	2	45	1,347	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	7,437	10	55	1,846	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,275	5	51	1,738	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	120	35	50	1,946	2,765
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	1	12	230	611
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	10	23	953	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	15,820	8	55	1,767	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	701	5	52	1,745	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	502	25	52	1,687	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	353	18	54	2,024	3,066
All goat inventory	296	7	52	830	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	16,966	8	54	1,196	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	4,531	2	51	1,356	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,770	2	17	1,331	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	1,778	6	48	748	2,473
Wheat-acres	471	5	26	1,916	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	597	535	12
\$10,000 or more	145	174	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,306	10,045	13
Average per farmdollars..	15,176	14,168	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,942	4,331	-32
Average per farmdollars..	3,949	6,109	-35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	684	638	7
Partnership or corporation	53	65	-18
Other	5	6	-17
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	287	265	8
Other	455	444	2
Operators by sex:			
Male	684	660	4
Female	58	49	18
Operators by race:			
White	738	708	4
Black and other races	4	1	300
Average age of operator	56.3	55.9	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.