

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 74,760 acres in 1992 to 79,655 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 237 acres in 1992 to 232 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 13 percent from 117 farms in 1992 to 132 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

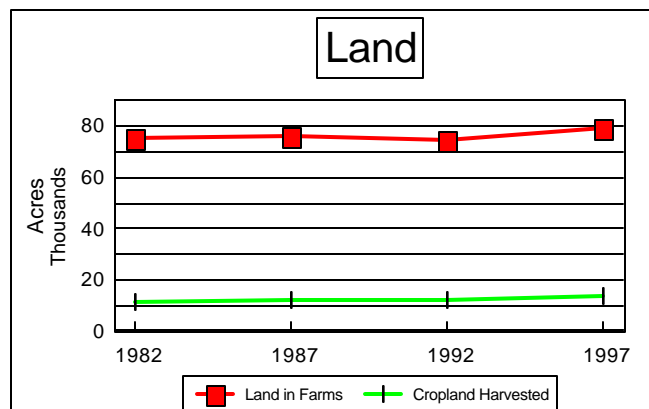
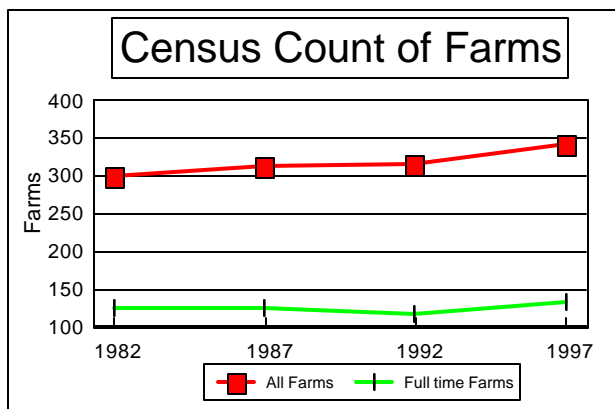
Increased 111 percent to \$8,372,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 95 percent from \$12,532 in 1992 to \$24,408 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	8,372	11	55	2,591	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,659	9	55	2,068	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	713	22	54	2,803	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	4,808	6	50	611	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,802	22	55	2,235	3,063
Dairy products	923	10	41	1,456	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	286	15	54	2,101	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	156	28	52	1,862	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,410,000	5	19	364	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		5	35	409	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	4,330	21	55	2,268	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	552	12	50	1,175	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold (D)		4	23	1,306	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	358,000	5	47	376	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	35,599	5	52	646	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory (D)		5	47	386	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	7,211	23	55	2,387	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	778	12	50	1,124	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	12,113	19	54	1,499	3,061
All nursery-acres	626	2	50	451	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	560	12	51	2,026	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	491	13	48	1,433	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	121	2	51	1,150	2,741

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	270	263	3
\$10,000 or more	73	53	38
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	6,772	3,768	80
Average per farmdollars..	19,686	11,962	65
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,449	178	714
Average per farmdollars..	4,213	566	644
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	312	287	9
Partnership or corporation	27	27	
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	132	117	13
Other	211	199	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	304	288	6
Female	39	28	39
Operators by race:			
White	341	315	8
Black and other races	2	1	100
Average age of operator	57.4	57.0	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.