

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



MONROE WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 148,842 acres in 1992 to 138,688 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 246 acres in 1992 to 225 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 268 farms in 1992 to 255 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

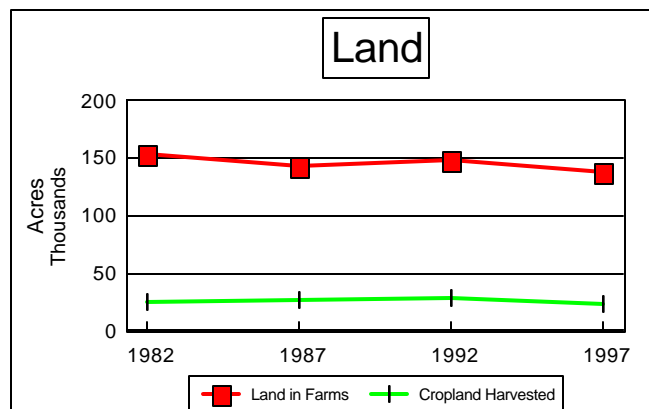
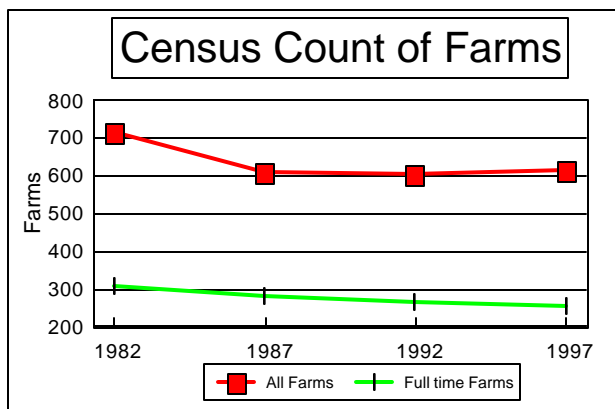
Increased 20 percent to \$19,321,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$26,574 in 1992 to \$31,315 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	19,321	6	55	2,134	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	17,402	5	55	1,383	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,919	7	54	2,530	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	13,279	2	55	686	3,063
Dairy products	3,580	3	41	783	2,563
Corn for grain	(D)	3	45	1,406	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	488	6	54	1,630	3,043
Wheat	(D)	2	23	1,498	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	27,378	2	55	713	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	5	14	388	1,353
Sheep and lambs sold	1,593	6	50	567	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	522	11	51	2,043	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	140	3	23	1,259	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	27,627	2	55	1,212	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,975	7	50	553	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,063	2	51	668	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	498	9	54	1,603	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	404	28	52	1,854	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	17,943	5	54	1,141	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	2,683	5	51	1,548	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	2,128	5	48	656	2,473
Wheat-acres	1,153	2	26	1,615	2,612
Oats-acres	278	2	34	1,255	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	395	369	7
\$10,000 or more	222	237	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	15,194	12,759	19
Average per farmdollars..	24,546	21,019	17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,655	2,563	4
Average per farmdollars..	4,289	4,222	2
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	561	537	4
Partnership or corporation	49	63	-22
Other	7	6	17
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	255	268	-5
Other	362	338	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	563	556	1
Female	54	50	8
Operators by race:			
White	615	604	2
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	56.3	55.6	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.