

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## MORGAN WEST VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Increased 29 percent from 21,871 acres in 1992 to 28,180 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 163 acres in 1992 to 175 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 69 farms in 1992 to 66 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

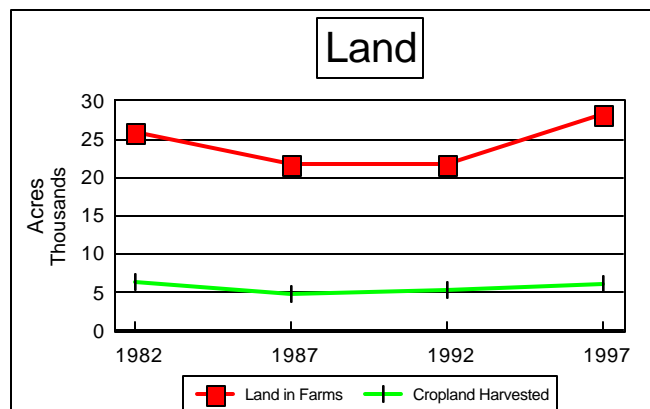
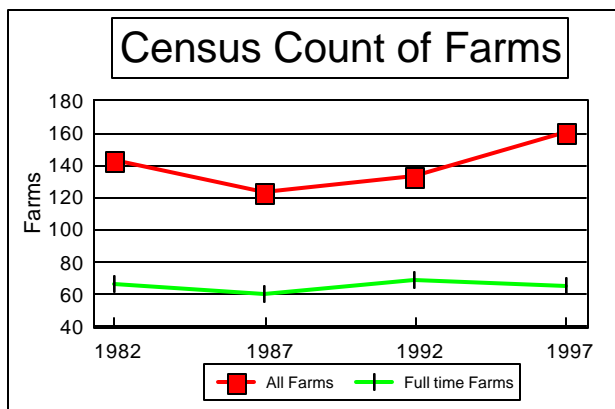
Decreased 18 percent to \$1,308,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 32 percent from \$11,933 in 1992 to \$8,126 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,308	39	55	2,983	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	825	17	54	2,770	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	483	44	55	2,961	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Fruits, nuts, berries	330	4	47	556	2,547
Cattle and calves	272	45	55	2,879	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	256	22	52	1,649	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	175	27	54	2,431	3,043
Dairy products	(D)	23	41	2,112	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	705	47	55	2,890	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	57	42	51	2,705	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	35	45	50	2,388	2,765
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	4	12	356	611
All goats sold	(D)	36	47	2,084	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,986	44	55	2,838	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	515	24	52	1,663	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	144	41	54	2,740	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	62	36	52	2,626	3,005
Broiler inventory	(D)	26	47	1,926	2,620
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	4,649	39	54	2,327	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	495	4	53	473	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	258	19	48	1,722	2,473
All nursery-acres	205	11	50	901	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	202	21	51	2,245	2,691

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	140	109	28
\$10,000 or more .....	21	25	-16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	1,610	1,389	16
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,939	10,369	-4
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(287)	169	-270
Average per farm .....dollars..	(1,770)	1,257	-241
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	148	125	18
Partnership or corporation .....	11	9	22
Other .....	2	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	66	69	-4
Other .....	95	65	46
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	139	121	15
Female .....	22	13	69
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	160	134	19
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	59.4	58.8	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.