

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



NICHOLAS WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 20 percent from 33,085 acres in 1992 to 39,658 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 117 acres in 1992 to 130 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Unchanged from 117 farms in 1992 to 117 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

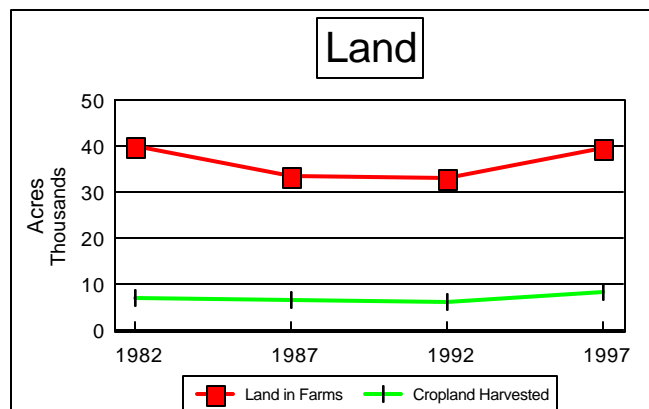
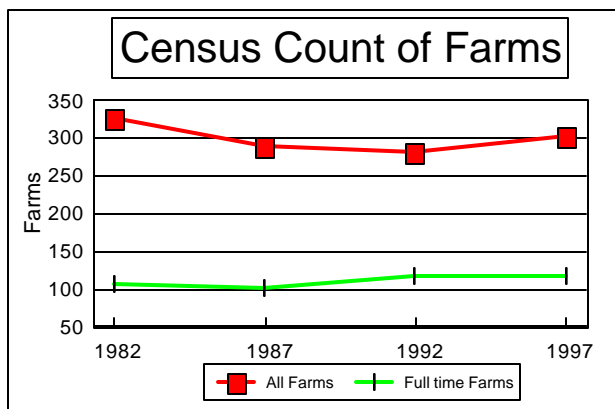
Increased 10 percent to \$2,542,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 2 percent from \$8,166 in 1992 to \$8,363 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	2,542	26	55	2,915	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,220	22	55	2,691	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	323	38	54	2,940	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,609	25	55	2,299	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	17	41	1,883	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	161	29	54	2,476	3,043
All other livestock & products	(D)	1	14	230	1,649
Nursery and greenhouse crops	129	33	52	1,939	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	4,022	24	55	2,313	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	10	35	1,141	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	297	18	51	2,268	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	159	28	50	1,826	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	43	16	51	1,806	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,663	26	55	2,426	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	552	20	52	1,604	3,002
All goat inventory	254	8	52	951	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	244	13	52	2,180	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	210	34	54	2,558	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,344	26	54	1,872	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	170	25	48	1,871	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	84	30	51	2,394	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	53	8	53	1,376	2,693
All nursery-acres	31	30	50	1,696	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	251	229	10
\$10,000 or more	53	53	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,278	1,562	46
Average per farmdollars..	7,470	5,520	35
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	445	765	-42
Average per farmdollars..	1,457	2,703	-46
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	281	268	5
Partnership or corporation	21	14	50
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	117	117	
Other	187	165	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	285	263	8
Female	19	19	
Operators by race:			
White	304	282	8
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	56.6	56.9	-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.