

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 21,164 acres in 1992 to 21,113 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 167 acres in 1992 to 155 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Unchanged from 63 farms in 1992 to 63 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

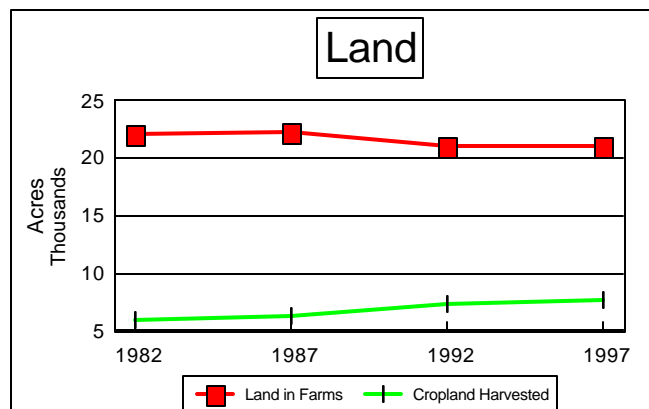
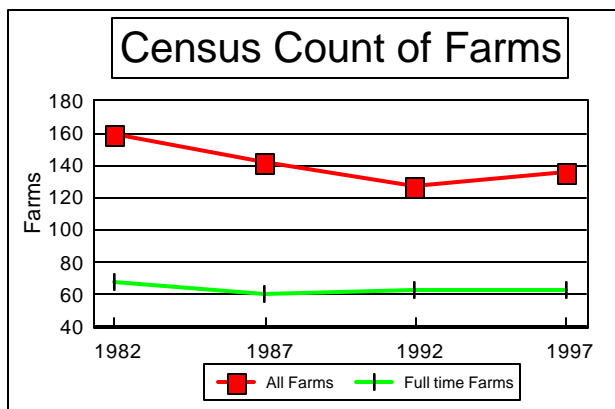
Decreased 11 percent to \$1,790,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 17 percent from \$15,874 in 1992 to \$13,159 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	1,790	33	55	2,962	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,562	29	55	2,801	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	227	40	54	2,974	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	1,133	7	41	1,347	2,563
Cattle and calves	399	41	55	2,810	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	151	31	54	2,503	3,043
Corn for grain	34	20	45	2,210	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	15	23	51	2,119	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,341	40	55	2,765	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	128	32	50	1,914	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	81	36	51	2,611	2,976
All goats sold	12	38	47	2,219	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	9	38	51	2,763	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,167	39	55	2,729	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	217	42	52	2,268	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	176	35	50	1,920	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	169	39	54	2,670	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	82	29	52	2,548	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,991	33	54	2,022	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	370	15	51	2,130	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	344	15	48	1,605	2,473
Oats-acres	107	7	34	1,642	2,332
Wheat-acres	57	11	26	2,411	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	113	94	20
\$10,000 or more	23	33	-30
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,444	1,632	-12
Average per farmdollars..	10,616	12,852	-17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	442	238	86
Average per farmdollars..	3,252	1,875	73
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	125	117	7
Partnership or corporation	11	10	10
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	63	63	
Other	73	64	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	130	120	8
Female	6	7	-14
Operators by race:			
White	136	127	7
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	57.4	56.5	2

(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.