

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## POCAHONTAS WEST VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Increased 12 percent from 115,487 acres in 1992 to 128,965 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 325 acres in 1992 to 361 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 170 farms in 1992 to 157 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

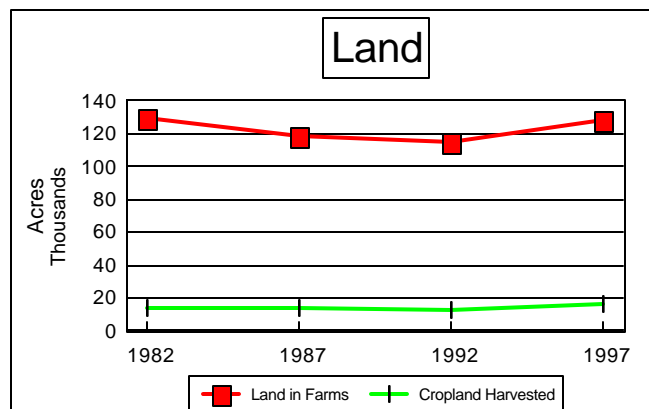
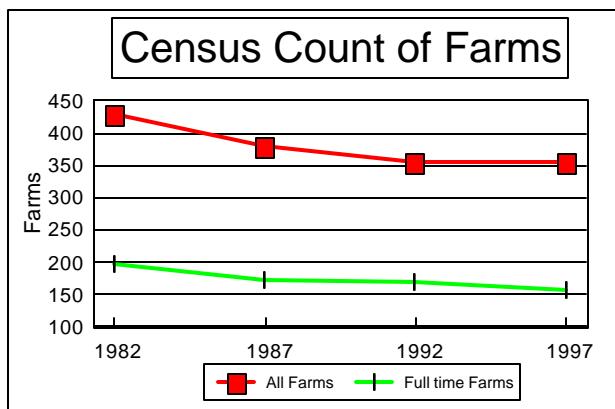
Decreased 6 percent to \$5,141,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 6 percent from \$15,386 in 1992 to \$14,401 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	5,141	13	55	2,754	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,552	13	55	2,405	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	589	27	54	2,840	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	4,034	6	55	1,625	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	347	12	54	1,960	3,043
Sheep, lambs, and wool	233	2	50	365	2,787
Nursery and greenhouse crops	131	32	52	1,933	2,790
Horses and ponies	130	6	51	1,150	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	8,891	7	55	1,705	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	3,222	2	50	332	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	423	12	51	2,128	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	79	5	51	1,175	3,015
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	15	23	1,085	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	15,330	9	55	1,794	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,401	2	50	285	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	741	13	52	1,373	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	449	15	54	1,739	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	201	17	52	2,265	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	14,881	13	54	1,314	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	772	9	48	1,199	2,473
All nursery-acres	201	12	50	907	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	142	25	51	2,309	2,691
Wheat-acres	85	8	26	2,345	2,612

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 .....	239	228	5
\$10,000 or more .....	118	127	-7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	3,798	4,136	-8
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,608	11,650	-9
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	371	1,438	-74
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,036	4,051	-74
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	328	332	-1
Partnership or corporation .....	23	23	
Other .....	6	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	157	170	-8
Other .....	200	185	8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	320	314	2
Female .....	37	41	-10
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	357	355	1
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	57.6	57.5	0

(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.