

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## PUTNAM WEST VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 55,827 acres in 1992 to 57,125 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Unchanged from 126 acres in 1992 to 126 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 16 percent from 147 farms in 1992 to 171 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

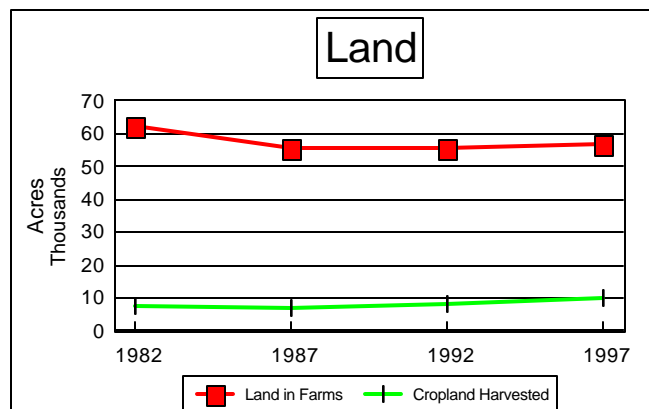
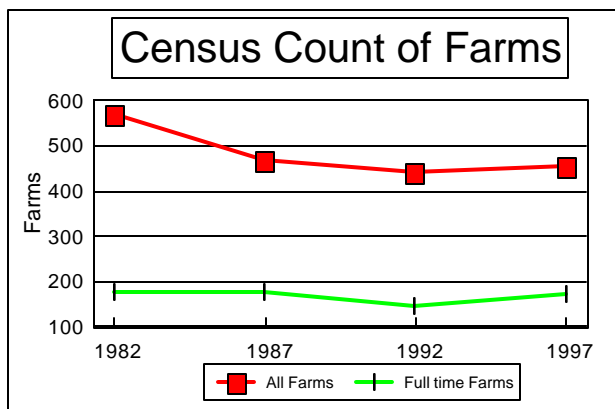
Increased 41 percent to \$4,372,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 38 percent from \$6,989 in 1992 to \$9,629 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                   | 4,372    | 15    | 55        | 2,799 | 3,076     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 3,404    | 4     | 54        | 2,307 | 3,070     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 968      | 34    | 55        | 2,882 | 3,069     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops                                | (D)      | 2     | 52        | 780   | 2,790     |
| Tobacco   | 892      | 2     | 20        | 309   | 580       |
| Cattle and calves   | 856      | 33    | 55        | 2,602 | 3,063     |
| Corn for grain  | 310      | 7     | 45        | 1,710 | 2,582     |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds                       | 238      | 22    | 54        | 2,228 | 3,043     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 2,380    | 34    | 55        | 2,587 | 3,063     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 114      | 37    | 50        | 1,963 | 2,765     |
| Horses and ponies sold                                      | 72       | 8     | 51        | 1,274 | 3,015     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | (D)      | 44    | 51        | 2,813 | 2,976     |
| All goats sold  | 26       | 30    | 47        | 1,853 | 2,686     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 5,180    | 30    | 55        | 2,560 | 3,064     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 564      | 19    | 52        | 1,585 | 3,002     |
| Horse and pony inventory                                    | 476      | 11    | 54        | 1,663 | 3,066     |
| All goat inventory  | 165      | 17    | 52        | 1,334 | 2,983     |
| Sheep and lamb inventory                                    | 98       | 42    | 50        | 2,176 | 2,864     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hay crops-acres   | 7,588    | 30    | 54        | 1,953 | 3,061     |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 863      | 9     | 51        | 1,908 | 2,691     |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | (D)      | 5     | 17        | 1,695 | 2,144     |
| Wheat-acres   | (D)      | 4     | 26        | 1,871 | 2,612     |
| Tobacco-acres   | 323      | 3     | 21        | 304   | 583       |

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 .....                       | 393   | 388   | 1              |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 61    | 55    | 11             |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 3,772 | 2,587 | 46             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 8,290 | 5,839 | 42             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |       |       |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 973   | 215   | 353            |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 2,138 | 485   | 341            |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |       |       |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 430   | 423   | 2              |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 24    | 20    | 20             |
| Other .....                                    |       |       |                |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |       |       |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |       |       |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 171   | 147   | 16             |
| Other .....                                    | 283   | 296   | -4             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |       |       |                |
| Male .....                                     | 424   | 407   | 4              |
| Female .....                                   | 30    | 36    | -17            |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |       |       |                |
| White .....                                    | 453   | 443   | 2              |
| Black and other races .....                    | 1     | -     |                |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 56.2  | 55.9  | 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.