

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



RALEIGH WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 32,633 acres in 1992 to 35,439 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 138 acres in 1992 to 136 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 102 farms in 1992 to 96 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

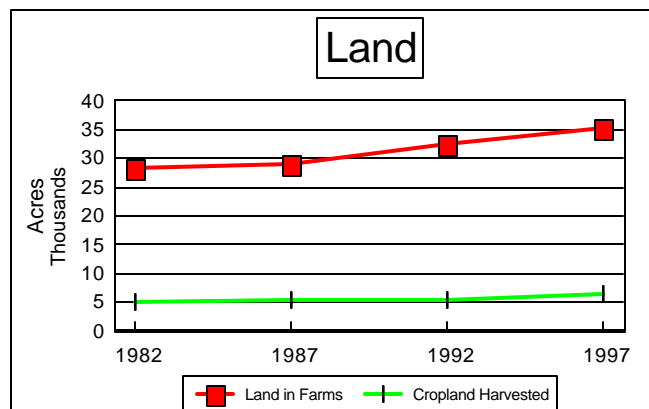
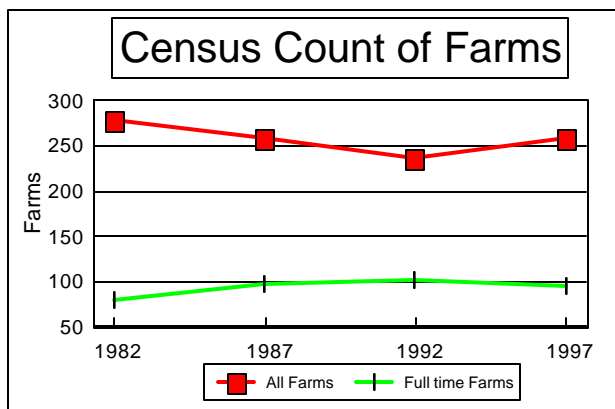
Increased 18 percent to \$2,013,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$7,190 in 1992 to \$7,743 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	2,013	31	55	2,945	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,236	31	55	2,840	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	778	18	54	2,785	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	991	31	55	2,546	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	369	10	54	1,903	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	349	17	52	1,493	2,790
Aquaculture	(D)	1	22	324	1,505
Dairy products	(D)	31	41	2,425	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,560	33	55	2,552	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	150	25	51	2,480	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	13	35	1,389	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	102	38	50	2,012	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	12	23	976	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,160	34	55	2,656	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	313	32	52	2,035	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	279	25	54	2,278	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	178	34	50	1,918	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	21	51	1,952	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,279	36	54	2,119	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	169	26	48	1,875	2,473
All nursery-acres	49	26	50	1,520	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	40	14	53	1,546	2,693
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	32	8	45	582	1,965

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	213	206	3
\$10,000 or more	47	31	52
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,072	1,638	26
Average per farmdollars..	7,940	6,912	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(144)	(98)	-47
Average per farmdollars..	(553)	(414)	-34
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	238	220	8
Partnership or corporation	21	15	40
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	96	102	-6
Other	164	135	21
Operators by sex:			
Male	240	220	9
Female	20	17	18
Operators by race:			
White	259	236	10
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	58.6	59.1	-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.