

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



ROANE WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 13 percent from 82,154 acres in 1992 to 92,766 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 188 acres in 1992 to 204 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 187 farms in 1992 to 177 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

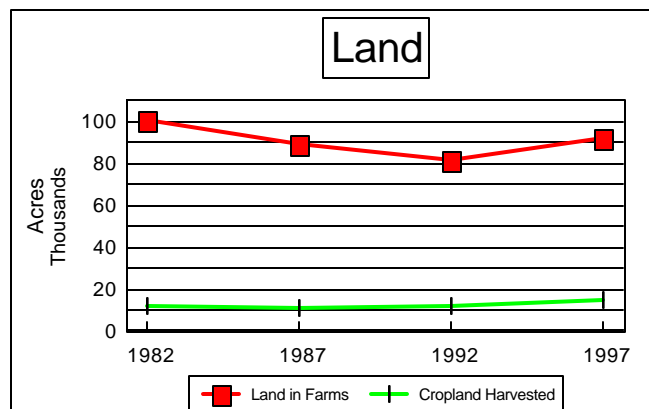
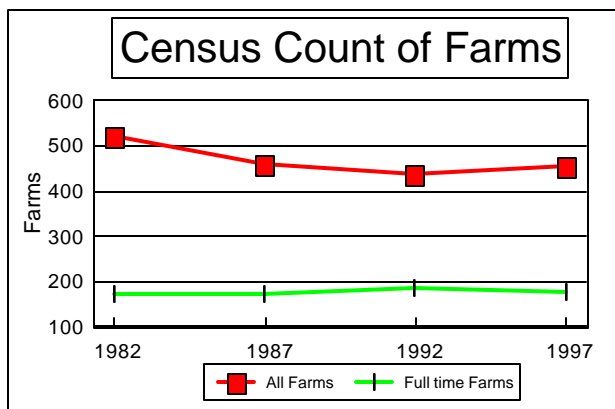
Increased 8 percent to \$2,626,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 4 percent from \$5,577 in 1992 to \$5,785 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	2,626	25	55	2,911	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,325	21	55	2,675	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	301	39	54	2,950	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,206	17	55	2,092	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	169	28	54	2,458	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	49	42	52	2,256	2,790
Tobacco	39	9	20	466	580
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	33	14	51	1,829	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,479	17	55	2,092	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	2	23	183	1,593
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	35	1,058	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	383	16	50	1,395	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	8	19	1,240	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	9,358	17	55	2,206	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	788	12	52	1,331	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	509	17	50	1,406	2,864
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	2	33	416	1,790
Horse and pony inventory	380	16	54	1,941	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	14,272	14	54	1,345	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	59	33	51	2,431	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	37	16	53	1,582	2,693
All nursery-acres	37	29	50	1,616	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	36	13	51	1,707	2,741

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	381	359	6
\$10,000 or more	73	78	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,566	2,822	-9
Average per farmdollars..	5,640	6,457	-13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8	(10)	180
Average per farmdollars..	17	(24)	171
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	423	415	2
Partnership or corporation	29	21	38
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	177	187	-5
Other	277	250	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	417	401	4
Female	37	36	3
Operators by race:			
White	453	436	4
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	56.0	56.0	

(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.