

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 57,717 acres in 1992 to 57,178 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 178 acres in 1992 to 181 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 126 farms in 1992 to 128 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

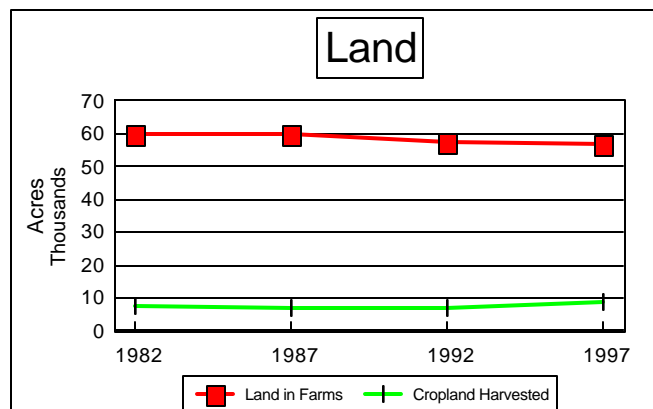
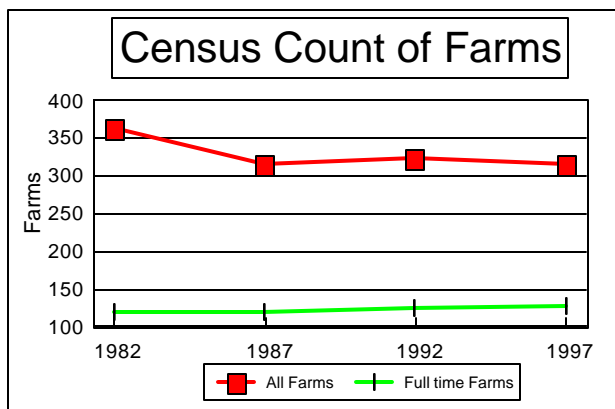
Increased 12 percent to \$3,642,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 16 percent from \$9,975 in 1992 to \$11,526 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	3,642	19	55	2,845	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,898	17	55	2,600	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	745	20	54	2,793	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,056	18	55	2,143	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	11	41	1,509	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	609	8	52	1,237	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	118	40	54	2,613	3,043
Horses and ponies	11	35	51	2,750	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	4,948	18	55	2,178	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	6	23	458	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	83	40	50	2,078	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	66	39	51	2,658	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	11	34	51	2,702	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	8,287	18	55	2,306	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	346	19	54	2,054	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	336	31	52	1,984	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	194	31	50	1,877	2,864
Rabbit inventory	(D)	6	45	539	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,928	29	54	1,919	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	574	12	48	1,365	2,473
All nursery-acres	196	13	50	920	2,619
Field seeds-acres	(D)	1	3	434	1,212
Corn for grain-acres	54	35	51	2,443	2,691

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	262	267	-2
\$10,000 or more	54	58	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,698	2,291	61
Average per farmdollars..	11,703	7,027	67
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	93	638	-85
Average per farmdollars..	295	1,956	-85
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	290	309	-6
Partnership or corporation	24	16	50
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	128	126	2
Other	188	199	-6
Operators by sex:			
Male	289	298	-3
Female	27	27	
Operators by race:			
White	315	323	-2
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	57.9	57.1	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.