

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 58,678 acres in 1992 to 64,282 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 12 percent from 144 acres in 1992 to 161 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 182 farms in 1992 to 164 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

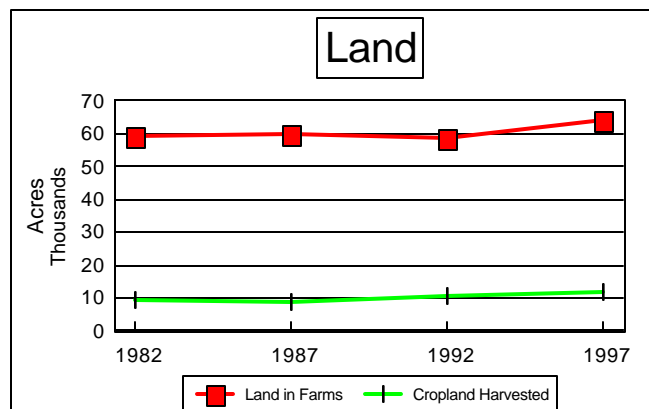
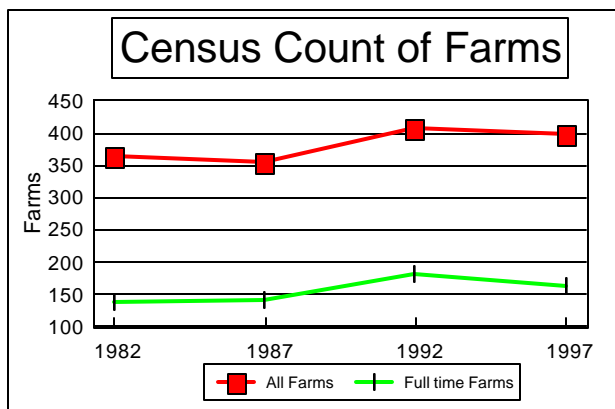
Decreased 11 percent to \$2,532,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 9 percent from \$6,965 in 1992 to \$6,345 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	2,532	28	55	2,917	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,113	24	55	2,711	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	418	34	54	2,906	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,999	19	55	2,163	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	237	23	54	2,231	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	145	30	52	1,890	2,790
Horses and ponies	45	19	51	2,041	3,015
Sheep, lambs, and wool	29	15	50	1,387	2,787
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	4,707	20	55	2,208	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	379	17	50	1,403	2,765
All goats sold	82	9	47	1,036	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	17	35	1,527	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	63	10	51	1,395	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	8,086	19	55	2,323	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	498	26	52	1,690	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	375	17	54	1,959	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	363	21	50	1,572	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	205	11	51	1,564	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	11,955	20	54	1,509	3,061
All nursery-acres	261	4	50	803	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	104	29	48	2,016	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	33	18	53	1,654	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	25	16	51	1,864	2,741

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 .....	329	337	-2
\$10,000 or more .....	70	70	
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	2,871	2,276	26
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,160	5,592	28
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(355)	483	-173
Average per farm .....dollars..	(886)	1,187	-175
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	378	387	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	19	18	6
Other .....	2	2	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	164	182	-10
Other .....	235	225	4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	350	371	-6
Female .....	49	36	36
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	398	405	-2
Black and other races .....	1	2	-50
Average age of operator .....	57.2	56.6	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.