

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



BROOKE WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 12 percent from 12,175 acres in 1992 to 13,581 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 152 acres in 1992 to 143 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Unchanged from 36 farms in 1992 to 36 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

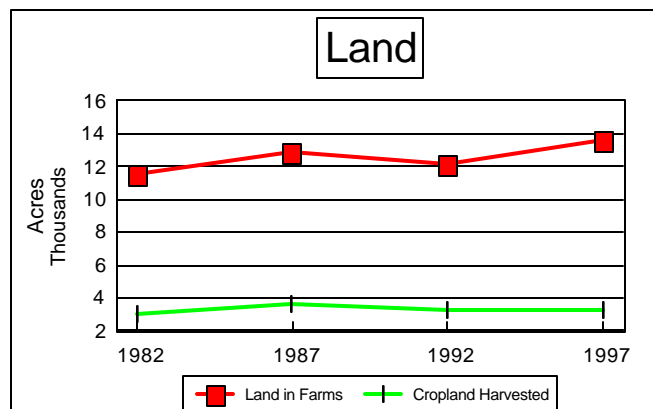
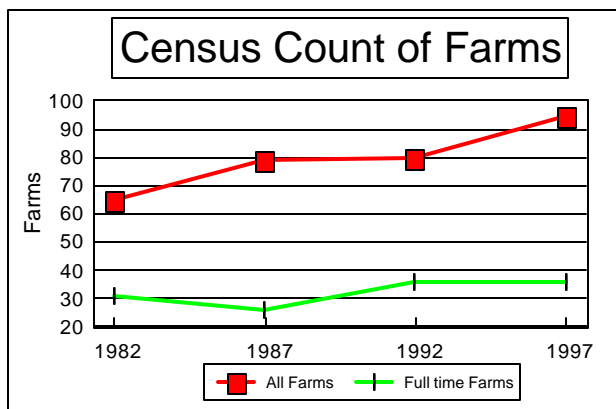
Increased 35 percent to \$1,100,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 14 percent from \$10,172 in 1992 to \$11,583 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	1,100	43	55	3,001	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	761	40	55	2,916	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	340	37	54	2,935	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	486	14	41	1,767	2,563
Cattle and calves	241	47	55	2,899	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	189	24	54	2,397	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	39	52	2,125	2,790
Corn for grain	64	16	45	2,084	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	772	46	55	2,871	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	218	21	51	2,371	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	119	36	50	1,949	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	48	51	2,934	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,840	45	55	2,856	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	161	19	52	2,333	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	129	40	50	2,052	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	129	47	52	2,533	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	12	33	901	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,763	44	54	2,602	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	244	19	51	2,217	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	174	24	48	1,867	2,473
Oats-acres	97	8	34	1,675	2,332
Land in orchards-acres	41	13	53	1,531	2,693

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	80	70	14
\$10,000 or more	15	10	50
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,008	634	59
Average per farmdollars..	10,613	7,928	34
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	92	180	-49
Average per farmdollars..	970	2,245	-57
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	84	71	18
Partnership or corporation	11	7	57
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	36	36	
Other	59	44	34
Operators by sex:			
Male	86	66	30
Female	9	14	-36
Operators by race:			
White	95	80	19
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	55.8	58.1	-4

(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.