

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 9,335 acres in 1992 to 8,043 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 100 acres in 1992 to 109 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 30 farms in 1992 to 23 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

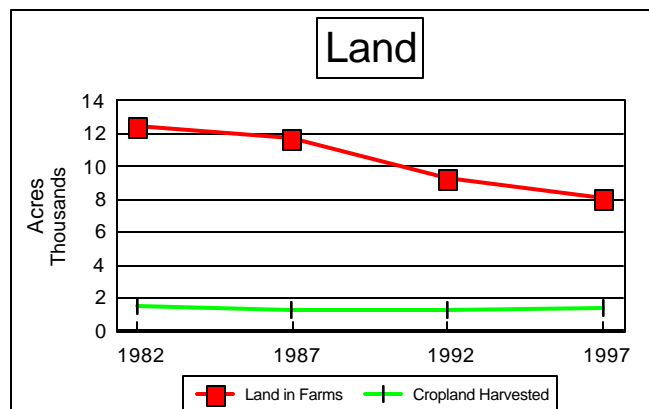
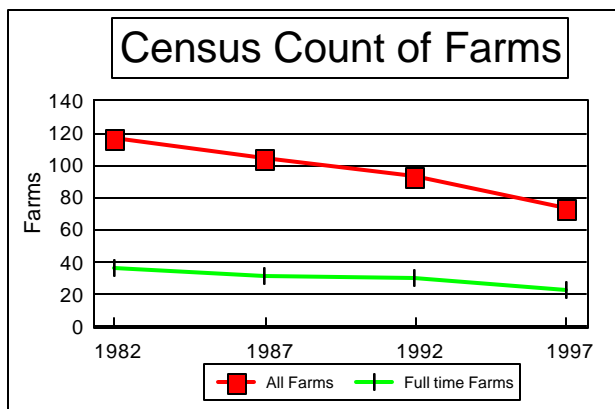
Decreased 20 percent to \$194,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$2,629 in 1992 to \$2,620 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	194	50	55	3,047	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	148	50	55	3,016	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	46	52	54	3,047	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	101	50	55	2,977	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	33	50	54	2,896	3,043
Milk goats & goats milk	(D)	5	28	344	1,645
Hogs and pigs	12	33	51	2,541	2,976
Sheep, lambs, and wool	8	37	50	1,940	2,787
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	332	49	55	2,958	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	129	31	50	1,911	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	76	37	51	2,627	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	7	23	1,562	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	31	35	2,107	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	570	50	55	2,970	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	4	51	1,006	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	303	34	52	2,053	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	191	32	50	1,881	2,864
All goat inventory	(D)	28	52	1,739	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,338	50	54	2,817	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	12	17	2,108	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	13	45	51	2,582	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	42	48	2,352	2,473
All nursery-acres	(D)	48	50	2,323	2,619

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	70	90	-22
\$10,000 or more	4	3	33
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	189	296	-36
Average per farmdollars..	2,549	3,186	-20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5	(52)	110
Average per farmdollars..	71	(560)	113
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	70	86	-19
Partnership or corporation	4	7	-43
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	23	30	-23
Other	51	63	-19
Operators by sex:			
Male	68	85	-20
Female	6	8	-25
Operators by race:			
White	74	93	-20
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	56.8	55.1	3

(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.