

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



WIRT WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 35,836 acres in 1992 to 37,071 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 184 acres in 1992 to 186 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 88 farms in 1992 to 77 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

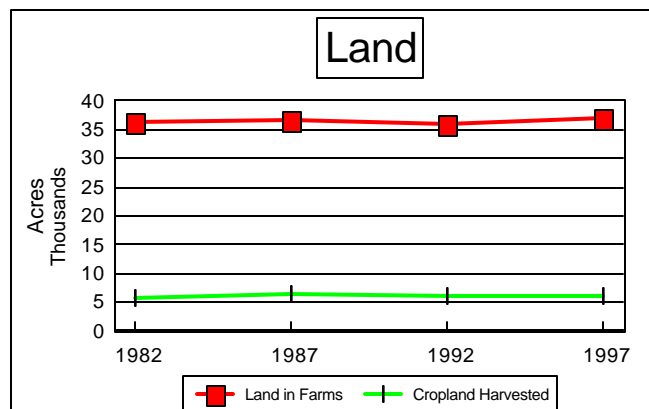
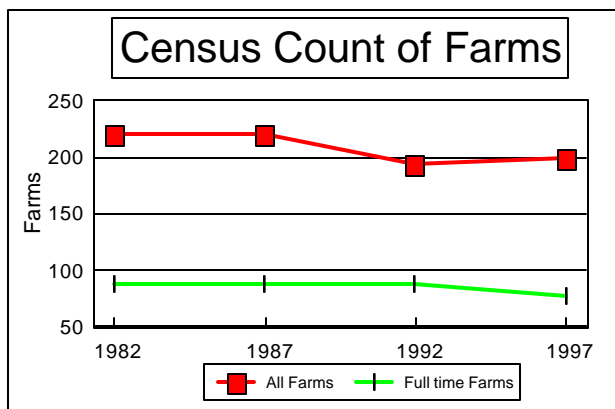
Decreased 21 percent to \$2,633,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 22 percent from \$17,044 in 1992 to \$13,231 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	2,633	24	55	2,910	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	1,427	11	54	2,619	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,206	32	55	2,844	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	4	52	903	2,790
Cattle and calves	970	32	55	2,558	3,063
Dairy products	212	21	41	2,066	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	128	38	54	2,580	3,043
Tobacco	95	8	20	428	580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,726	31	55	2,527	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	173	23	51	2,443	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	59	42	50	2,207	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	48	51	2,934	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,728	31	55	2,604	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	131	46	52	2,525	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	129	22	52	2,413	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	123	44	54	2,797	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	78	43	50	2,281	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,110	37	54	2,136	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	96	30	48	2,040	2,473
Tobacco-acres	31	8	21	432	583
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	48	51	2,585	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	10	38	53	2,141	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	166	157	6
\$10,000 or more	33	38	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,272	3,190	-29
Average per farmdollars..	11,415	16,361	-30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	308	330	-7
Average per farmdollars..	1,549	1,695	-9
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	185	175	6
Partnership or corporation	13	20	-35
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	77	88	-13
Other	122	107	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	189	180	5
Female	10	15	-33
Operators by race:			
White	199	195	2
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	56.8	56.8	

(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.