

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 11 percent from 59,846 acres in 1992 to 66,569 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 128 acres in 1992 to 128 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 20 percent from 160 farms in 1992 to 192 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

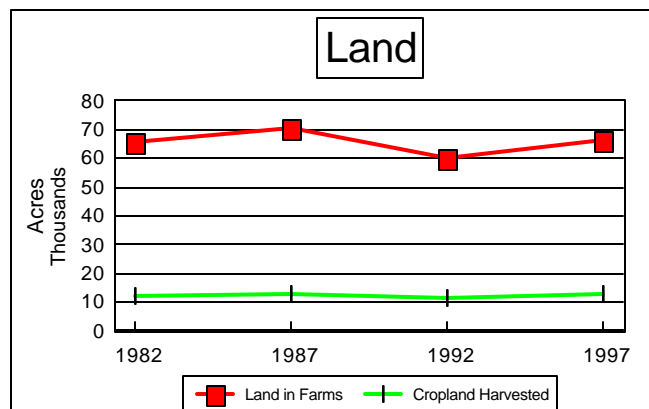
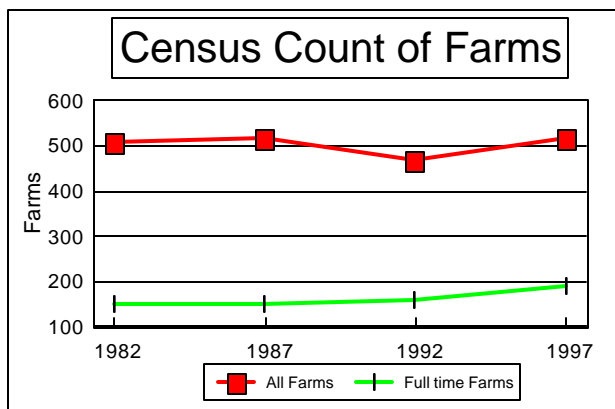
Increased 12 percent to \$2,836,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased slightly from \$5,413 in 1992 to \$5,454 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	2,836	23	55	2,899	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,835	26	55	2,756	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,001	16	54	2,730	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,461	27	55	2,351	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	412	14	52	1,426	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	259	20	54	2,185	3,043
Horses and ponies	171	5	51	936	3,015
Dairy products	(D)	25	41	2,141	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,905	26	55	2,336	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	226	24	50	1,663	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	210	22	51	2,382	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	96	2	51	964	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	26	35	1,980	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,714	21	55	2,346	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	580	7	54	1,399	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	411	27	52	1,842	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	279	25	50	1,703	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	87	27	52	2,536	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,595	23	54	1,552	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	537	13	51	2,040	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	209	21	48	1,796	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	154	8	17	1,906	2,144
All nursery-acres	83	19	50	1,291	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	474	426	11
\$10,000 or more	46	42	10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,908	2,568	13
Average per farmdollars..	5,604	5,500	2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(13)	114	-111
Average per farmdollars..	(26)	243	-111
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	499	446	12
Partnership or corporation	17	21	-19
Other	4	1	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	192	160	20
Other	328	308	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	482	434	11
Female	38	34	12
Operators by race:			
White	516	466	11
Black and other races	4	2	100
Average age of operator	57.6	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.