

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



CLAY WEST VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 16 percent from 14,868 acres in 1992 to 17,292 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 163 acres in 1992 to 173 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 30 percent from 33 farms in 1992 to 43 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

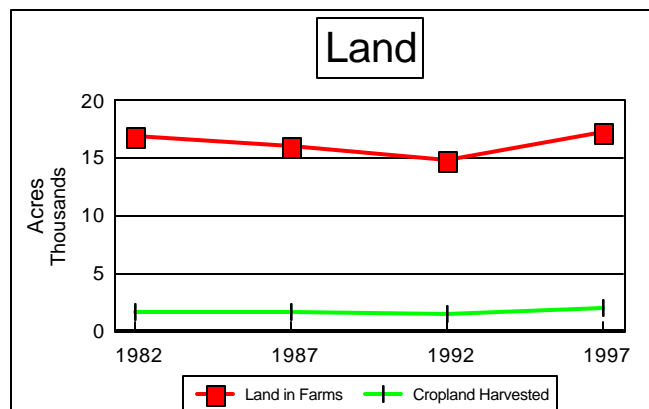
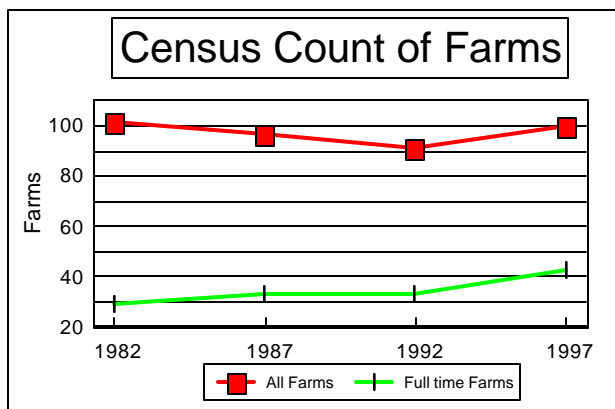
Increased 10 percent to \$540,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$5,403 in 1992 to \$5,397 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	540	49	55	3,022	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	406	46	55	2,968	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	133	48	54	3,015	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	365	44	55	2,831	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	88	44	54	2,710	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	21	21	51	2,012	2,739
Hogs and pigs	20	22	51	2,395	2,976
Nursery and greenhouse crops	16	46	52	2,517	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	911	44	55	2,843	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	33	50	1,926	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	106	30	51	2,557	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	37	47	2,164	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	10	37	51	2,737	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,541	46	55	2,888	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	208	43	52	2,285	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	37	50	1,993	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	55	39	52	2,652	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	37	49	54	3,004	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,903	47	54	2,729	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	36	17	53	1,600	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	25	16	51	1,864	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	24	43	51	2,536	2,691
All nursery-acres	14	40	50	1,992	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	88	76	16
\$10,000 or more	12	15	-20
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	595	450	32
Average per farmdollars..	5,949	4,940	20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(55)	42	-231
Average per farmdollars..	(552)	463	-219
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	96	88	9
Partnership or corporation	4	3	33
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	43	33	30
Other	57	58	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	94	87	8
Female	6	4	50
Operators by race:			
White	100	91	10
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	55.4	58.4	-5

(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.