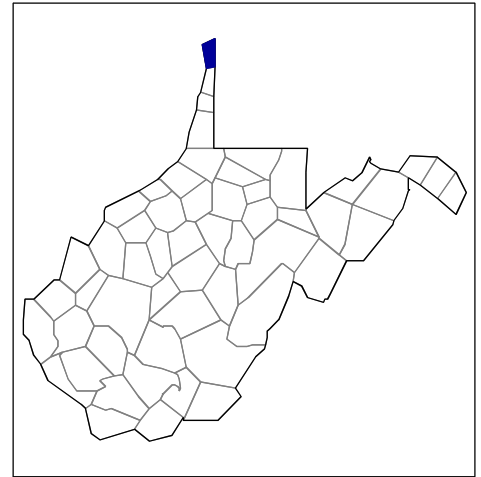


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Number of farms

85 farms in 2002, 82 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

7,017 acres in 2002, 7,956 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm

83 acres in 2002, 97 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$596,000 in 2002, \$651,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$460,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$136,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

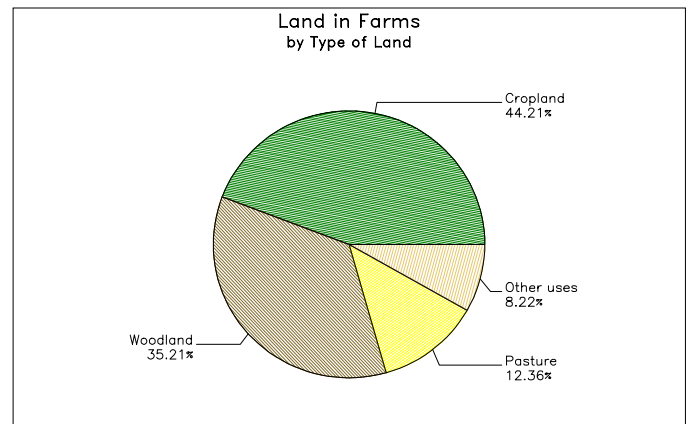
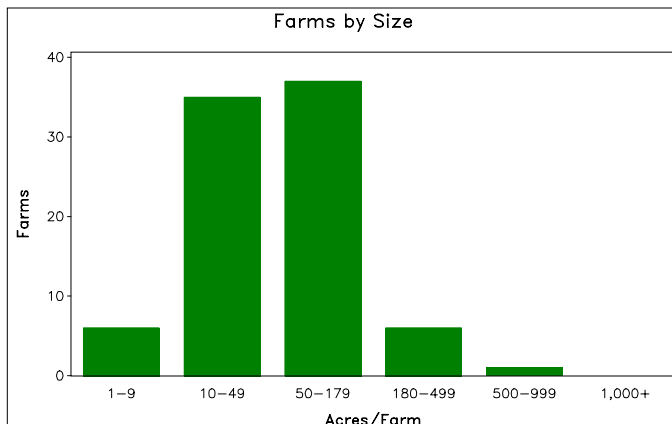
\$7,006 in 2002, \$7,943 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments

(D) in 2002, \$1,000 in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

(D) in 2002, \$121 in 1997.



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Ranked items among the 55 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	596	47	55	3,023	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	460	30	55	2,901	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	136	50	55	3,023	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	20	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	17	33	52	2,366	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	69	45	53	2,861	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	103	49	55	2,965	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	39	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	51	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	5	41	52	2,599	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	25	37	51	2,688	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	696	50	55	2,956	3,059
Horses and ponies	193	47	55	2,832	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	165	51	52	2,557	2,983
All Goats	45	46	52	2,582	2,971
Sheep and lambs ³	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,846	49	55	2,762	3,059
Corn for grain	121	21	47	2,278	2,592
Oats	73	4	26	1,619	2,215
Corn for silage	33	34	44	2,152	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	(D)	14	51	(D)	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	36	Farming	57
\$1,000 to \$2,499	20	Other	28
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	9	Male	77
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6	Female	8
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	-	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	White	114
\$50,000 to \$99,999	-	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	656	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	7,718	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	19		
Average per farm (\$)	221		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.