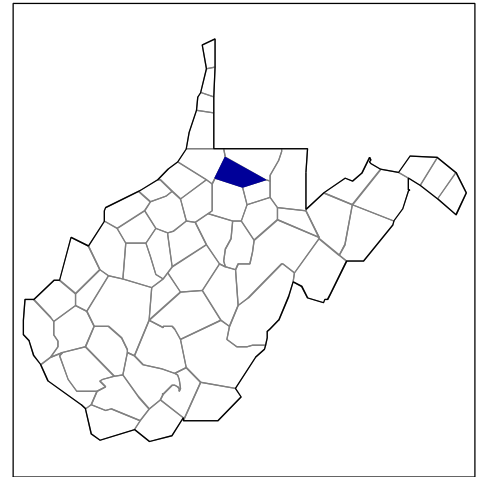




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Number of farms

464 farms in 2002, 409 farms in 1997, up 13 percent.

Land in farms

50,153 acres in 2002, 46,566 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Average size of farm

108 acres in 2002, 114 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,686,000 in 2002, \$1,988,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$689,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$997,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

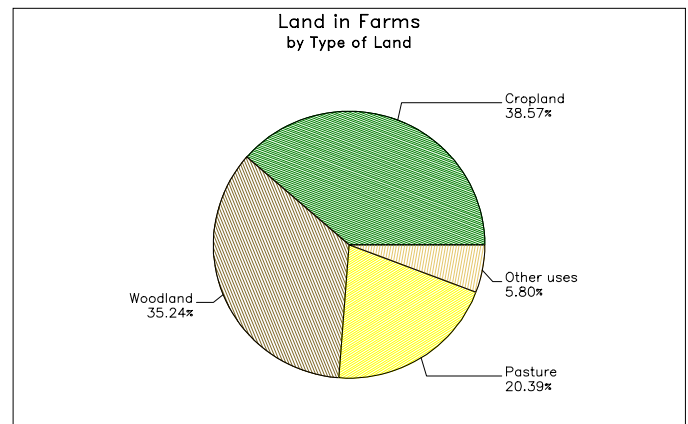
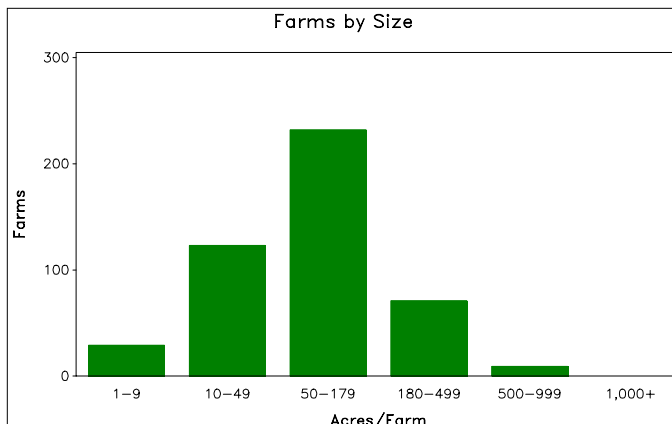
\$3,633 in 2002, \$4,860 in 1997, down 25 percent.

Government Payments

\$17,000 in 2002, \$17,000 in 1997, unchanged.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,014 in 2002, \$833 in 1997, up 22 percent.



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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	1,686	35	55	2,965	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	689	22	55	2,832	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	997	38	55	2,873	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	19	30	52	2,341	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	492	10	54	1,433	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	156	32	53	2,640	3,046
Poultry and eggs	8	17	52	2,062	2,918
Cattle and calves	875	35	55	2,603	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	39	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	22	19	51	2,019	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	17	28	52	2,030	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	46	26	51	2,392	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	30	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	4,169	34	55	2,602	3,059
Horses and ponies	866	11	55	1,478	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	702	24	52	1,656	2,983
All Goats	341	21	52	1,368	2,971
Sheep and lambs	193	35	51	1,983	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,981	27	55	1,888	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	100	10	49	600	1,877
All Vegetables harvested	28	13	51	1,848	2,710
Nursery stock	26	9	38	1,146	2,129
Apples	11	25	52	1,099	2,173

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	224
\$1,000 to \$2,499	112
\$2,500 to \$4,999	48
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17
\$20,000 to \$24,999	-
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,226
Average per farm (\$)	4,797
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-637
Average per farm (\$)	-1,373

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	239
Other	225
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	378
Female	86
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	651
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.