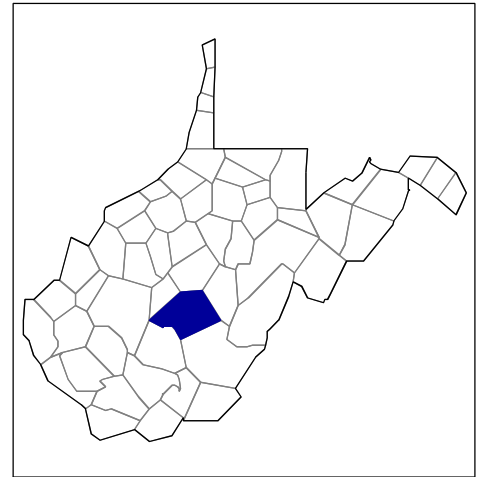


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Number of farms

332 farms in 2002, 372 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

43,922 acres in 2002, 44,091 acres in 1997, down slightly.

Average size of farm

132 acres in 2002, 119 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$2,483,000 in 2002, \$2,693,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$279,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,204,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

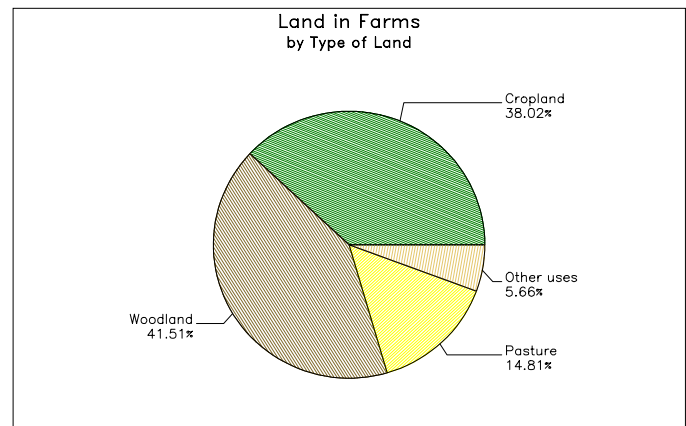
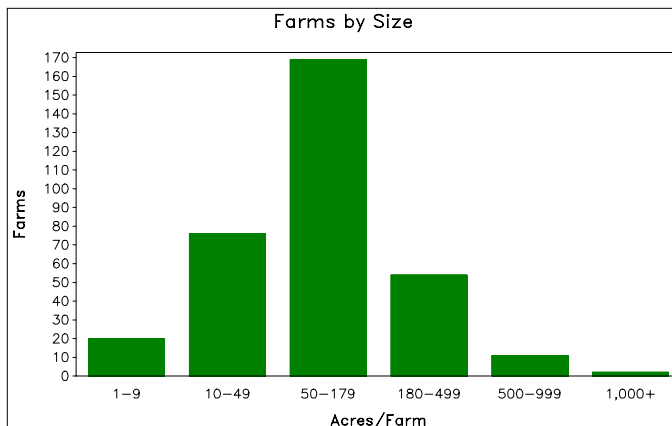
\$7,480 in 2002, \$7,238 in 1997, up 3 percent.

Government Payments

\$78,000 in 2002, \$70,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,006 in 2002, \$1,551 in 1997, up 29 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	2,483	30	55	2,926	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	279	40	55	2,973	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,204	23	55	2,682	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	48	16	52	2,061	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	34	11	52	1,748	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	144	34	53	2,670	3,046
Poultry and eggs	7	22	52	2,129	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,702	22	55	2,275	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	13	22	51	2,199	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	17	26	52	1,998	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	108	11	51	1,708	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	5,761	27	55	2,448	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	661	25	52	1,695	2,983
Horses and ponies	538	25	55	2,075	3,065
All Goats	230	33	52	1,712	2,971
Sheep and lambs	145	39	51	2,105	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,933	28	55	1,890	3,059
Corn for silage	169	19	44	1,814	2,307
Cut Christmas trees	39	25	49	936	1,877
Corn for grain	34	33	47	2,438	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	27	15	51	1,861	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	125
\$1,000 to \$2,499	58
\$2,500 to \$4,999	56
\$5,000 to \$9,999	38
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,751
Average per farm (\$)	8,413
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	150
Average per farm (\$)	460

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	153
Other	179
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	289
Female	43
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
All operators ² by race:	
White	466
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.