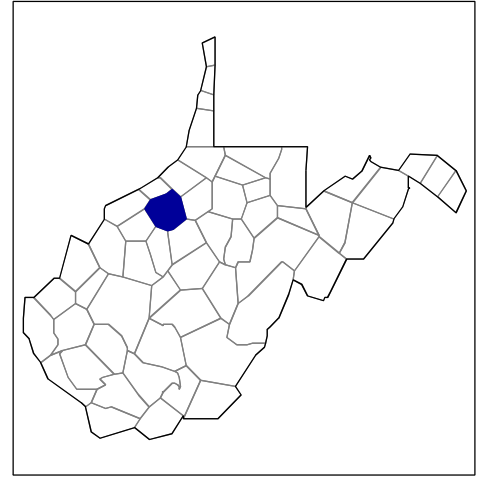


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Number of farms

363 farms in 2002, 419 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

80,931 acres in 2002, 93,286 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

Average size of farm

223 acres in 2002, 223 acres in 1997, unchanged.

Market Value of Production

\$2,678,000 in 2002, \$2,363,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$510,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,168,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

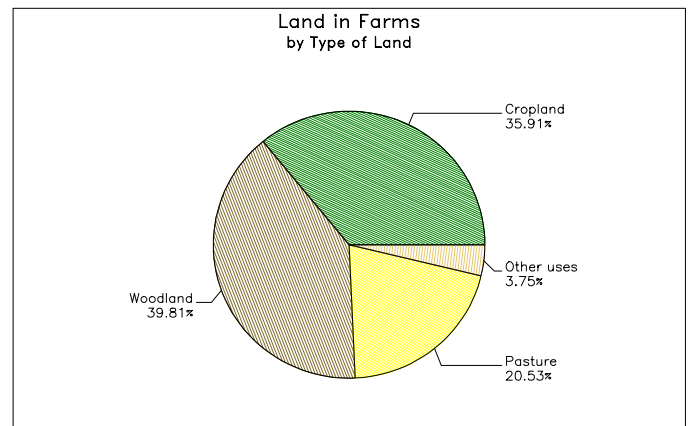
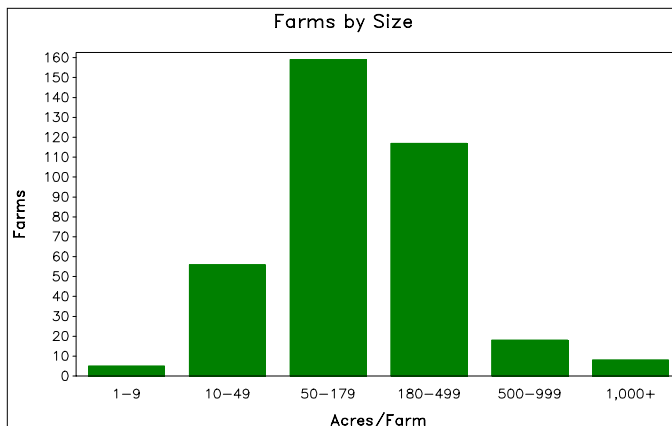
\$7,377 in 2002, \$5,640 in 1997, up 31 percent.

Government Payments

\$21,000 in 2002, \$10,000 in 1997, up 110 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,628 in 2002, \$655 in 1997, up 149 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	2,678	27	55	2,904	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	510	28	55	2,882	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,168	24	55	2,687	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	28	15	52	1,825	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	237	20	53	2,436	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5	28	52	2,184	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,949	20	55	2,190	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	144	28	39	2,062	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	48	51	2,728	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	47	10	52	1,314	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	21	41	51	2,756	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	43	52	2,483	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,155	21	55	2,317	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	653	27	52	1,704	2,983
All Goats	569	9	52	905	2,971
Sheep and lambs	547	17	51	1,397	2,867
Horses and ponies	489	28	55	2,190	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,846	17	55	1,444	3,059
Corn for silage	126	24	44	1,897	2,307
Corn for grain	(D)	24	47	(D)	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	31	27	49	1,021	1,877
Apples	9	31	52	1,177	2,173

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	151
\$1,000 to \$2,499	72
\$2,500 to \$4,999	48
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,098
Average per farm (\$)	8,510
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	532
Average per farm (\$)	1,460

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	184
Other	179
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	320
Female	43
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	516
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
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.