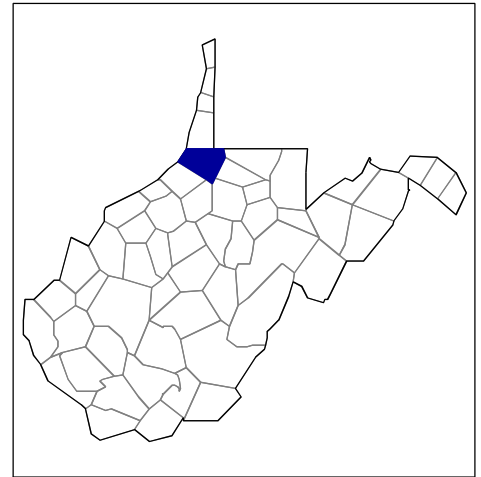


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Wetzel, West Virginia



### Number of farms

336 farms in 2002, 335 farms in 1997, up slightly.

### Land in farms

49,154 acres in 2002, 55,894 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Average size of farm

146 acres in 2002, 167 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$718,000 in 2002, \$858,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$187,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$531,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

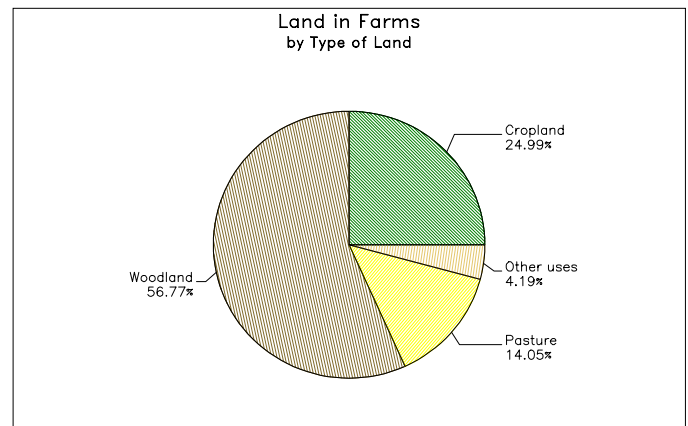
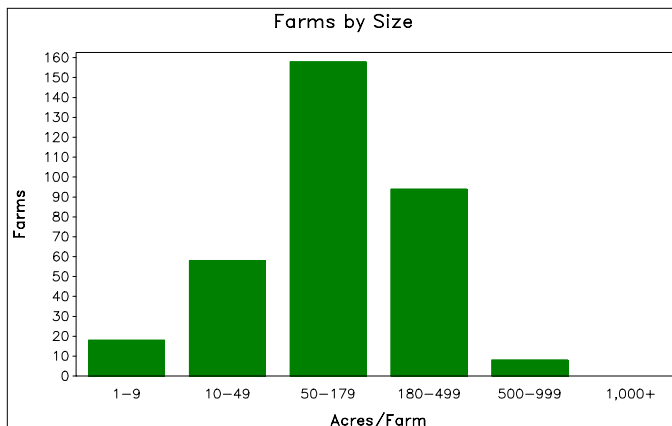
\$2,137 in 2002, \$2,560 in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Government Payments

(D) in 2002, \$12,000 in 1997.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

(D) in 2002, \$829 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 <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	718	45	55	3,018	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	187	44	55	3,005	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	531	44	55	2,941	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
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	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	21	21	52	1,933	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	27	44	54	2,398	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	19	16	46	971	1,774
Other crops and hay	90	43	53	2,809	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	311	44	55	2,841	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	39	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	43	51	2,592	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	12	45	51	2,876	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,130	42	55	2,798	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	512	31	52	1,885	2,983
Horses and ponies	492	27	55	2,183	3,065
Colonies of bees	(D)	3	52	(D)	2,392
Sheep and lambs	378	23	51	1,630	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,355	37	55	2,138	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	95	12	49	622	1,877
Corn for grain	(D)	27	47	(D)	2,592
Apples	11	27	52	1,109	2,173
Oats	(D)	25	26	(D)	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	196	Farming	177
\$1,000 to \$2,499	77	Other	159
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	5	Male	296
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1	Female	40
\$25,000 to \$39,999	-		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	456
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,402	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	4,173	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-596	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-1,773	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.