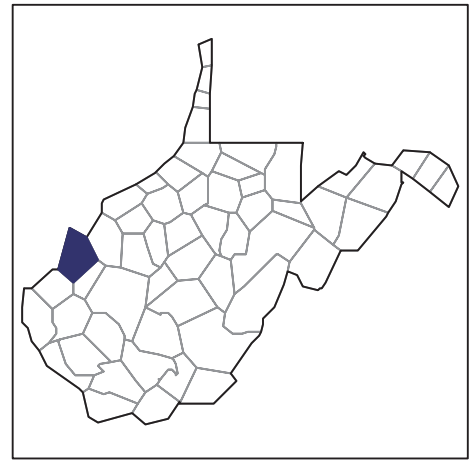


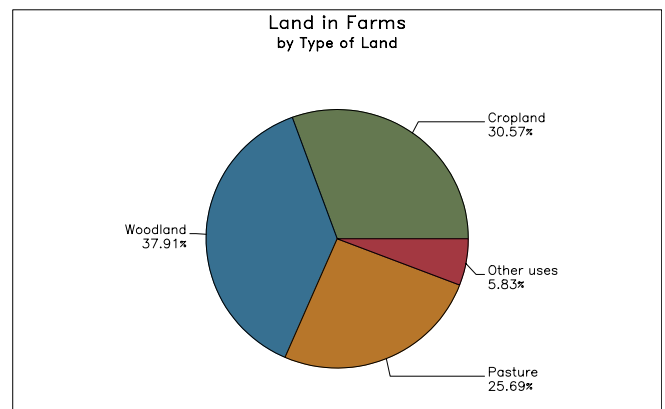
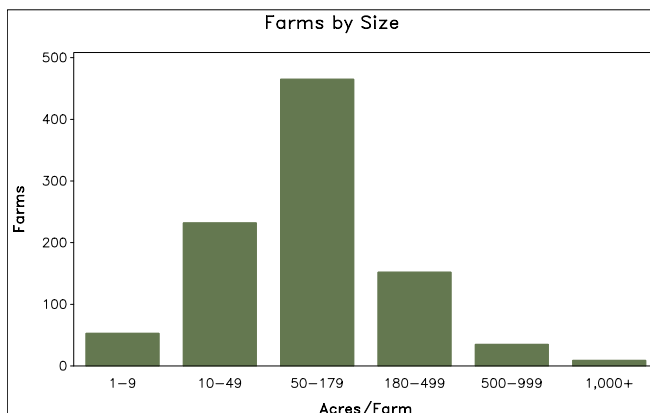
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mason County West Virginia



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	946	939	+ 1
Land in Farms	132,227 acres	142,007 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	140 acres	151 acres	- 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$18,765,000	\$16,876,000	+ 11
Crop Sales \$11,543,000 (62 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,222,000 (38 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$19,837	\$17,972	+ 10
Government Payments	\$243,000	\$339,000	- 28
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$1,776	\$3,856	- 54



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mason County – West Virginia

Ranked items among the 55 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	18,765	8	55	2,300	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,543	2	55	1,785	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,222	13	55	2,246	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,460	2	48	1,727	2,933
Tobacco	429	1	9	248	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	121	11	51	1,744	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	8	26	48	2,301	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	1	52	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	15	20	41	966	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	27	18	55	1,981	3,020
Cattle and calves	3,697	14	55	1,910	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,270	3	26	887	2,493
Hogs and pigs	63	5	54	1,514	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	32	24	52	2,011	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	106	17	54	1,648	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	13	27	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	39	54	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,379	5	55	995	3,060
Corn for grain	4,343	2	46	1,449	2,634
Soybeans for beans	3,979	2	10	1,234	2,039
Corn for silage	1,030	8	42	987	2,263
Wheat for grain, all	289	3	20	1,969	2,481
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	13,368	9	55	1,775	3,060
Layers	1,485	17	55	1,300	3,024
Horses and ponies	931	14	55	1,473	3,066
Goats, all	779	14	54	986	3,023
Hogs and pigs	428	3	53	1,475	2,958

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	309	Farming	390
\$1,000 to \$2,499	225	Other	556
\$2,500 to \$4,999	141	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	94	Male	842
\$10,000 to \$19,999	92	Female	104
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	17	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	6	White	1,299
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,894	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	18,916	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,710		
Average per farm (\$)	1,808		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.