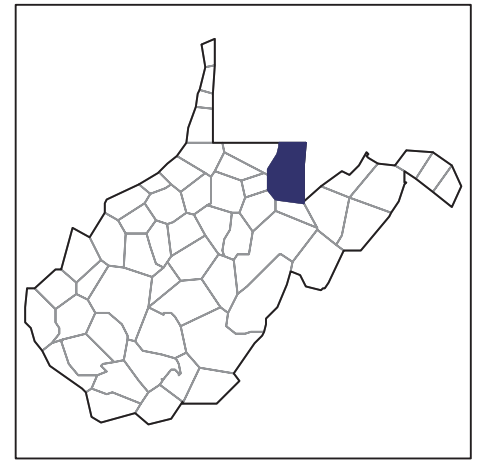


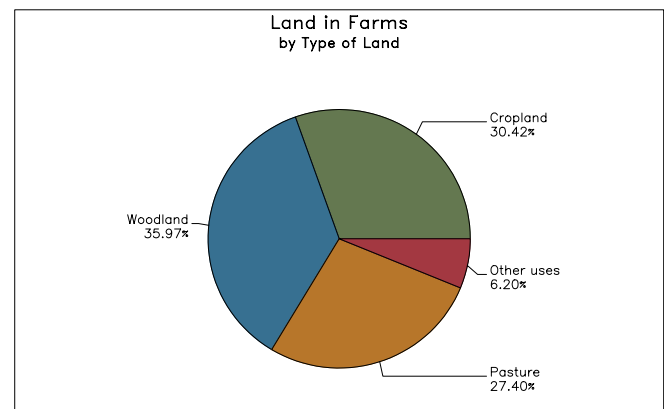
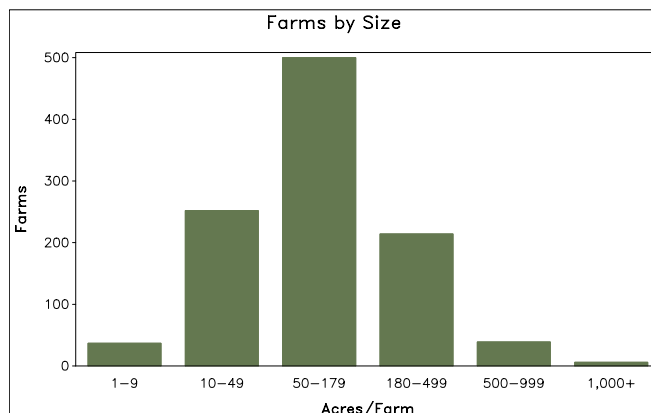
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Preston County West Virginia



| | 2007 | 2002 | % change |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 1,048 | 917 | + 14 |
| Land in Farms | 152,276 acres | 142,296 acres | + 7 |
| Average Size of Farm | 145 acres | 155 acres | - 6 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$13,644,000 | \$10,235,000 | + 33 |
| Crop Sales \$2,487,000 (18 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$11,157,000 (82 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$13,019 | \$11,161 | + 17 |
| Government Payments | \$72,000 | \$238,000 | - 70 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$1,037 | \$3,170 | - 67 |



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Preston 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 | 13,644 | 11 | 55 | 2,458 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 2,487 | 6 | 55 | 2,513 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 11,157 | 9 | 55 | 1,967 | 3,069 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 346 | 6 | 48 | 2,225 | 2,933 |
| Tobacco | - | - | 9 | - | 437 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 626 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 403 | 3 | 51 | 1,166 | 2,796 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 11 | 19 | 48 | 2,206 | 2,659 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 77 | 29 | 52 | 2,110 | 2,703 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 27 | 10 | 41 | 803 | 1,710 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,622 | 1 | 55 | 1,055 | 3,054 |
| Poultry and eggs | 39 | 11 | 55 | 1,790 | 3,020 |
| Cattle and calves | 6,419 | 8 | 55 | 1,538 | 3,054 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 4,081 | 2 | 26 | 790 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 90 | 3 | 54 | 1,402 | 2,922 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 254 | 2 | 52 | 505 | 2,998 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 238 | 3 | 54 | 977 | 3,024 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 27 | - | 1,498 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 35 | 12 | 54 | 1,516 | 2,875 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 33,602 | 1 | 55 | 598 | 3,060 |
| Corn for grain | 1,850 | 5 | 46 | 1,708 | 2,634 |
| Corn for silage | 1,055 | 7 | 42 | 974 | 2,263 |
| Oats for grain | 618 | 1 | 21 | 577 | 1,957 |
| Vegetables harvested for sale | 213 | 2 | 51 | 1,015 | 2,794 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 19,710 | 5 | 55 | 1,433 | 3,060 |
| Sheep and lambs | 2,942 | 3 | 49 | 362 | 2,891 |
| Layers | 1,992 | 9 | 55 | 1,115 | 3,024 |
| Horses and ponies | 1,413 | 6 | 55 | 930 | 3,066 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 731 | 7 | 35 | 982 | 2,476 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Farms by value of sales: | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 259 | Farming | 480 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 190 | Other | 568 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 160 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 162 | Male | 916 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 129 | Female | 132 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 36 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 58.2 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 47 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 29 | American Indian or Alaska Native | - |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 21 | Asian | - |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 9 | Black or African American | 3 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 4 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 2 | White | 1,526 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 13,931 | More than one race | 4 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 13,293 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 2 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 691 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 660 | | |

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.