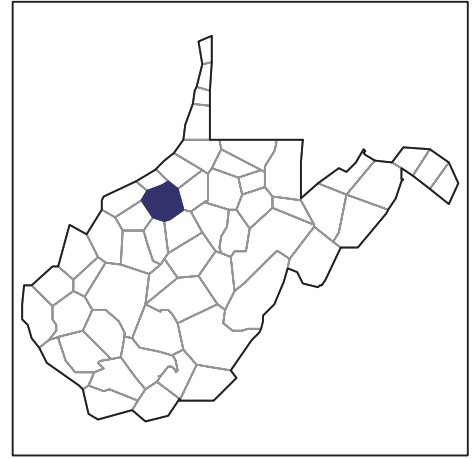


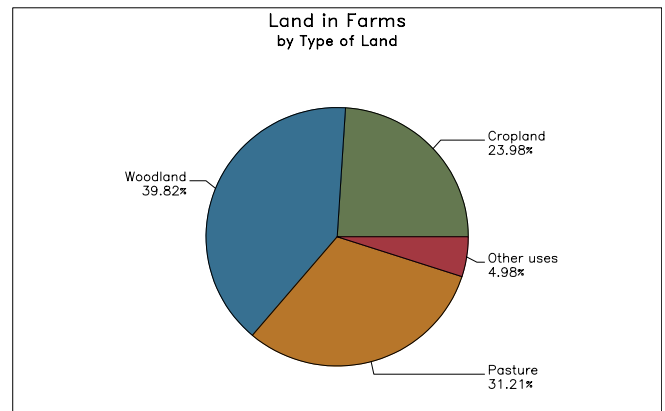
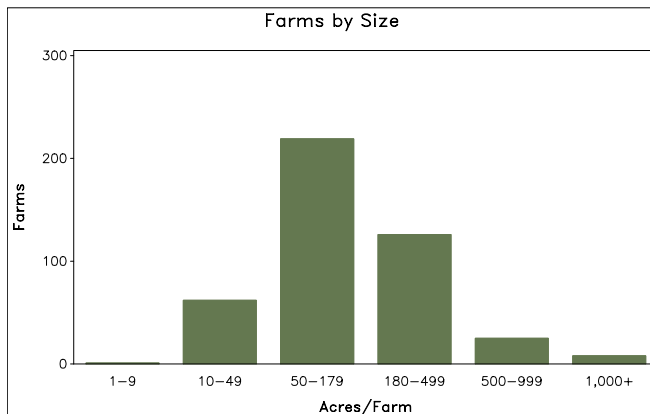
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## County Profile

### Ritchie County West Virginia



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	441	363	+ 21
<b>Land in Farms</b>	90,836 acres	80,931 acres	+ 12
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	206 acres	223 acres	- 8
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$4,079,000	\$2,678,000	+ 52
Crop Sales \$741,000 (18 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,338,000 (82 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$9,250	\$7,377	+ 25
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,000	\$21,000	- 86
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$494	\$1,628	- 70



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### Ritchie County – West Virginia

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

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	4,079	23	55	2,863	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	741	25	55	2,862	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,338	22	55	2,610	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	48	-	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	9	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	13	40	51	2,489	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3	40	48	2,495	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	203	17	52	1,789	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	41	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	523	15	55	2,121	3,054
Poultry and eggs	15	28	55	2,276	3,020
Cattle and calves	3,197	21	55	2,018	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	26	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10	32	54	2,253	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	35	22	52	1,934	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	77	23	54	1,907	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	4	44	54	2,302	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,890	17	55	1,263	3,060
Corn for silage	143	19	42	1,791	2,263
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,756
Vegetables harvested for sale	13	36	51	2,256	2,794
Apples	6	38	51	1,251	2,144
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,881	22	55	2,271	3,060
Layers	917	28	55	1,704	3,024
Sheep and lambs	623	17	49	1,279	2,891
Horses and ponies	576	29	55	2,089	3,066
Goats, all	453	25	54	1,561	3,023

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	131	Farming	169
\$1,000 to \$2,499	95	Other	272
\$2,500 to \$4,999	69	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	77	Male	362
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35	Female	79
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	2	White	678
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	4,892	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	11,092	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-552		
Average per farm (\$)	-1,252		

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.

<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.