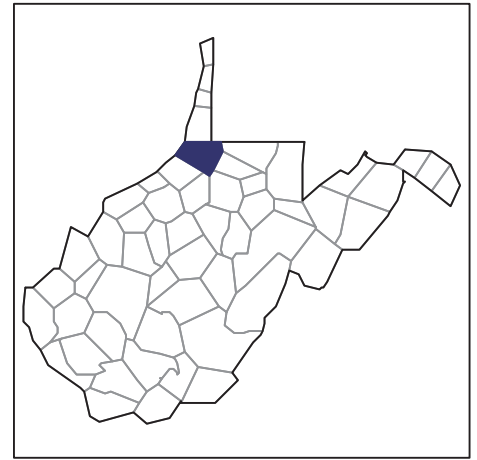


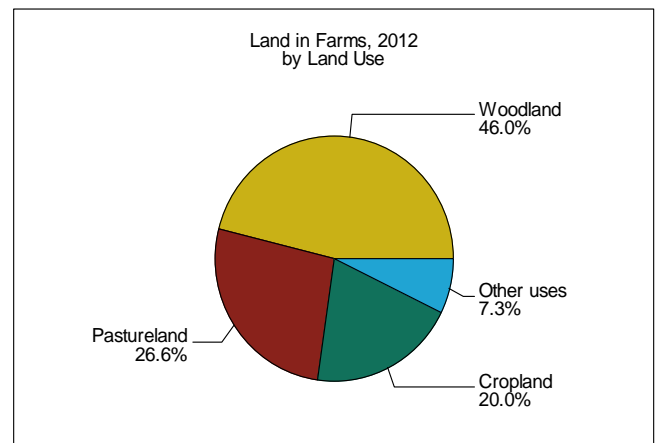
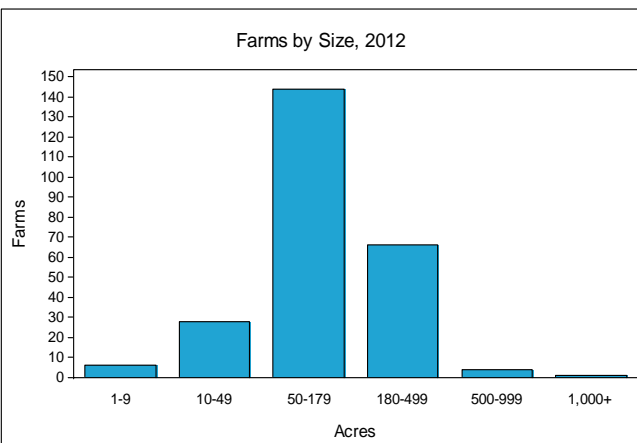
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Wetzel County West Virginia

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	249	353	- 29
Land in Farms	38,103 acres	51,870 acres	- 27
Average Size of Farm	153 acres	147 acres	+ 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$1,177,000	\$972,000	+ 21
Crop Sales \$517,000 (44 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$660,000 (56 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$4,727	\$2,755	+ 72
Government Payments	\$45,000	\$4,000	+ 1,025
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,047	\$318	+ 1,173





Wetzel County – West Virginia

Ranked items among the 55 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	1,177	45	55	3,006	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	517	40	55	2,966	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	660	45	55	2,931	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	43	49	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	6	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	29	41	52	2,352	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	6	47	52	2,490	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	26	11	36	664	1,530
Other crops and hay	407	35	54	2,515	3,049
Poultry and eggs	10	39	54	2,390	3,013
Cattle and calves	398	46	55	2,826	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	26	30	1,998	2,038
Hogs and pigs	13	23	52	2,015	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	28	30	54	2,265	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	20	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	3	55	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,521	39	54	2,152	3,057
Cut Christmas trees	65	11	38	530	1,557
Corn for grain	22	38	48	2,508	2,638
Vegetables harvested, all	10	42	52	2,324	2,801
Apples	8	36	52	1,103	2,167
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,194	46	55	2,847	3,063
Layers	807	37	54	2,026	3,040
Colonies of bees	(D)	3	54	(D)	2,761
Goats, all	326	23	54	1,725	2,996
Horses and ponies	267	38	55	2,603	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	69	Farming	111
\$1,000 to \$2,499	53	Other	138
\$2,500 to \$4,999	65	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Male	214
\$10,000 to \$19,999	11	Female	35
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	-	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	White	375
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,782	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	7,158	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-378		
Average per farm (\$)	-1,520		

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.