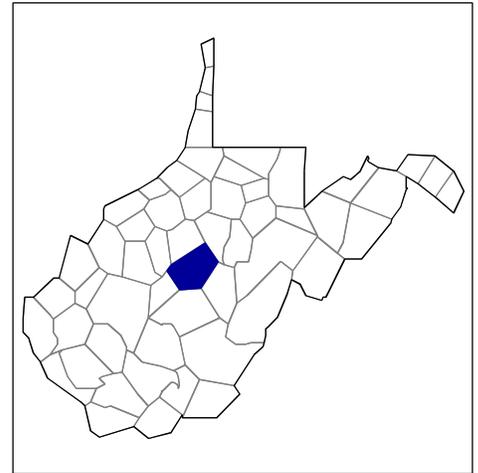


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Number of farms

314 farms in 2002, 341 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

66,426 acres in 2002, 73,209 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Average size of farm

212 acres in 2002, 215 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,701,000 in 2002, \$1,805,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$257,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,444,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

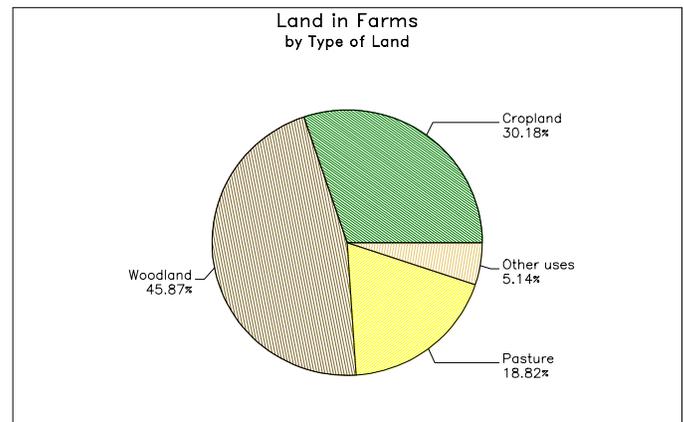
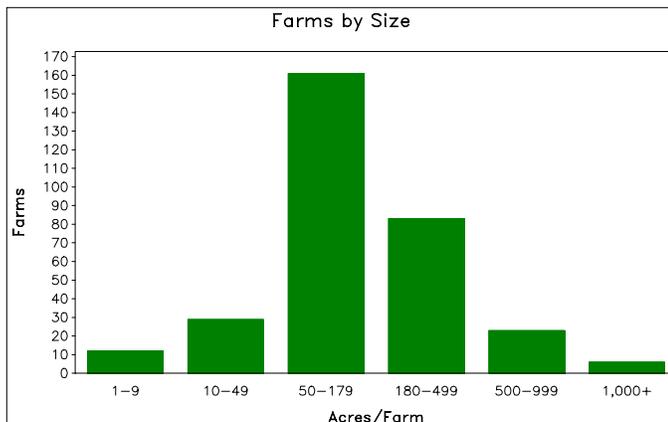
\$5,417 in 2002, \$5,294 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Government Payments

\$26,000 in 2002, \$47,000 in 1997, down 45 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,064 in 2002, \$1,562 in 1997, down 32 percent.



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Ranked items among the 55 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	1,701	34	55	2,964	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	257	41	55	2,982	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,444	31	55	2,801	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
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	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	19	45	54	2,467	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	209	26	53	2,503	3,046
Poultry and eggs	8	19	52	2,073	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,382	28	55	2,402	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	39	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	11	27	51	2,297	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	37	52	2,402	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	34	32	51	2,543	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	37	52	2,403	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,633	28	55	2,463	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,345	14	52	1,186	2,983
Horses and ponies	623	21	55	1,896	3,065
Sheep and lambs	302	27	51	1,752	2,867
All Goats	293	29	52	1,509	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,667	25	55	1,810	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	14	49	(D)	1,877
Corn for grain	(D)	32	47	(D)	2,592
Corn for silage	34	33	44	2,148	2,307
Nursery stock	17	13	38	1,289	2,129

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	131
\$1,000 to \$2,499	52
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37
\$5,000 to \$9,999	49
\$10,000 to \$19,999	24
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-
\$500,000 or more	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,581
Average per farm (\$)	5,034
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	365
Average per farm (\$)	1,162

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	142
Other	172
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	282
Female	32
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	454
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	4
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

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

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.