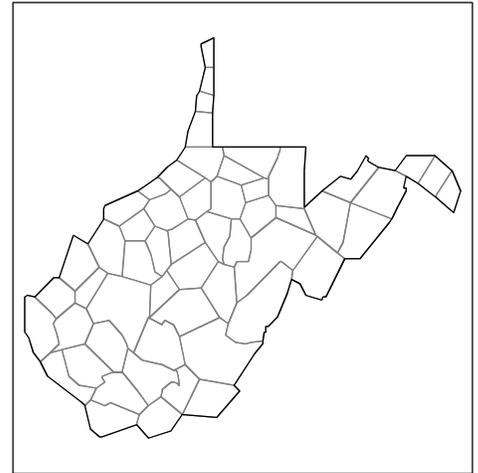


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Number of farms

20,812 farms in 2002, 21,531 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

3,584,668 acres in 2002, 3,698,204 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

172 acres in 2002, 172 acres in 1997, unchanged.

Market Value of Production

\$482,814,000 in 2002, \$459,387,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$69,693,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$413,121,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

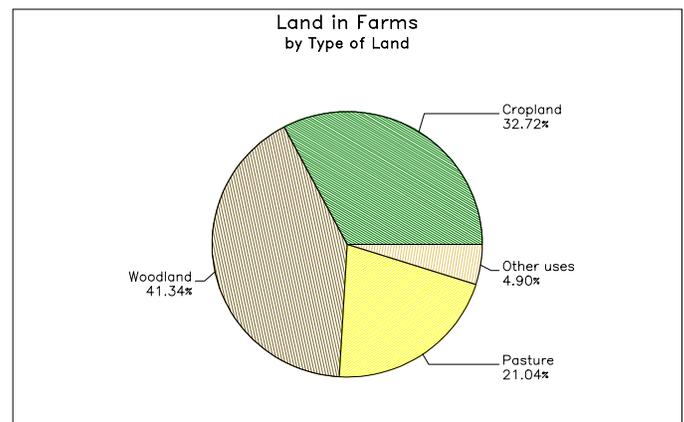
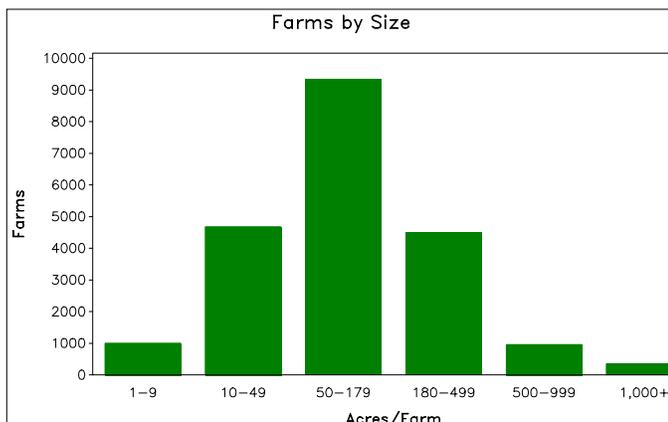
\$23,199 in 2002, \$21,336 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,180,000 in 2002, \$3,983,000 in 1997, up 30 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,093 in 2002, \$1,925 in 1997, up 61 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	482,814	42	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	69,693	48	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	413,121	40	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	9,575	42	50
Tobacco	3,413	15	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	4,613	48	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	11,443	33	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	26,849	43	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,182	31	50
Other crops and hay	12,618	43	50
Poultry and eggs	250,922	23	50
Cattle and calves	117,967	38	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	32,202	44	50
Hogs and pigs	1,992	41	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	2,168	32	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	3,787	41	50
Aquaculture	2,712	35	50
Other animals and other animal products	1,372	43	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	12,181,309	19	50
Turkeys	1,429,776	16	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,383,009	36	50
Cattle and calves	404,163	39	50
Sheep and lambs	38,681	29	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	562,810	33	50
Corn for grain	29,123	36	49
Corn for silage	18,964	37	49
Soybeans	16,359	30	41
Apples	7,461	9	50

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	7,835
\$1,000 to \$2,499	4,219
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,712
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,398
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,533
\$20,000 to \$24,999	342
\$25,000 to \$39,999	523
\$40,000 to \$49,999	172
\$50,000 to \$99,999	383
\$100,000 to \$249,999	297
\$250,000 to \$499,999	172
\$500,000 or more	226
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	408,650
Average per farm (\$)	19,681
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	103,329
Average per farm (\$)	4,976

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	10,507
Other	10,305
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	18,490
Female	2,322
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	28,946
Black or African American	46
American Indian or Alaska Native	73
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	18
More than one race	54
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	255

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.