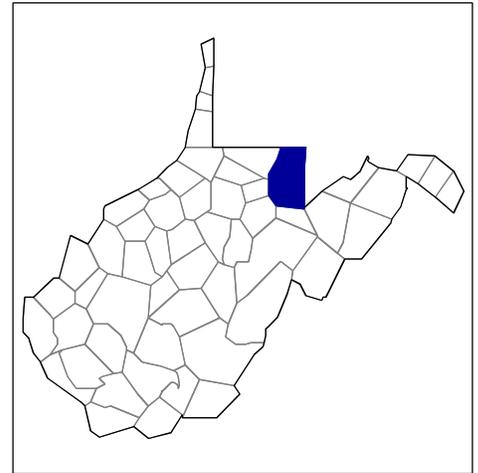


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Number of farms

917 farms in 2002, 1,052 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

142,296 acres in 2002, 165,517 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Average size of farm

155 acres in 2002, 157 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$10,235,000 in 2002, \$10,965,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,724,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,511,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

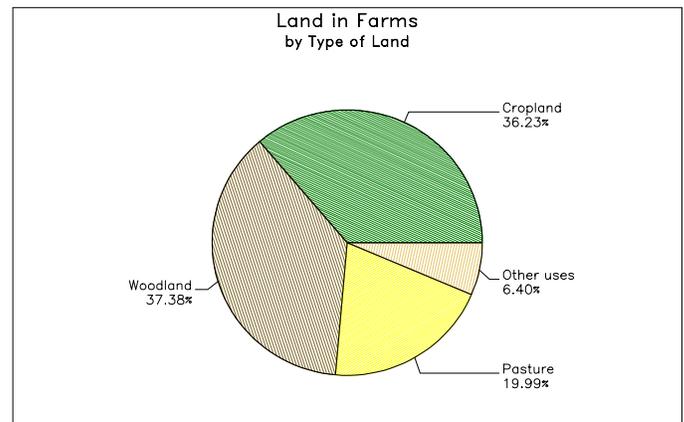
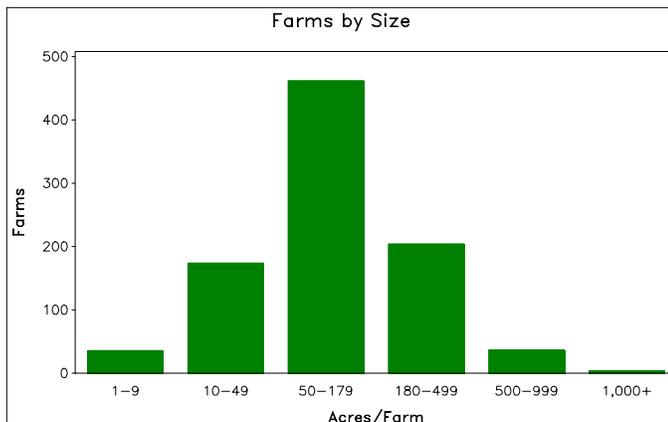
\$11,161 in 2002, \$10,423 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$238,000 in 2002, \$151,000 in 1997, up 58 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,170 in 2002, \$1,575 in 1997, up 101 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	10,235	11	55	2,494	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,724	10	55	2,554	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,511	9	55	1,995	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	234	7	43	2,196	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	138	6	52	1,549	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	371	16	54	1,554	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	107	3	46	416	1,774
Other crops and hay	839	1	53	1,416	3,046
Poultry and eggs	10	15	52	1,976	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,151	5	55	1,493	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,863	4	39	857	2,493
Hogs and pigs	70	4	51	1,583	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	186	3	52	462	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	95	13	51	1,812	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	136	4	52	742	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	20,704	5	55	1,422	3,059
Sheep and lambs	3,494	3	51	317	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,496	12	52	1,122	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,005	8	55	1,277	3,065
All Goats	787	3	52	644	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	30,580	1	55	707	3,059
Corn for grain	1,907	5	47	1,572	2,592
Corn for silage	1,120	7	44	1,056	2,307
Oats	539	1	26	801	2,215
Cut Christmas trees	289	3	49	302	1,877

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	262
\$1,000 to \$2,499	185
\$2,500 to \$4,999	137
\$5,000 to \$9,999	131
\$10,000 to \$19,999	108
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23
\$25,000 to \$39,999	25
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	10,900
Average per farm (\$)	11,873
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,963
Average per farm (\$)	4,317

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	494
Other	423
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	819
Female	98
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,329
Black or African American	8
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.