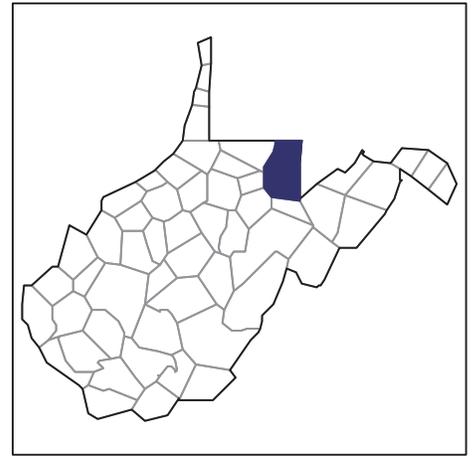


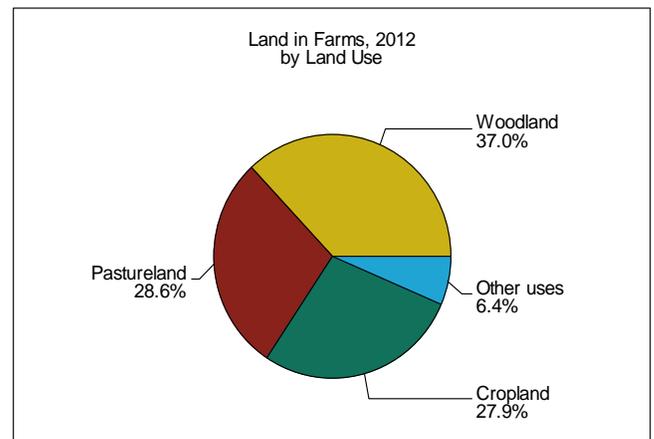
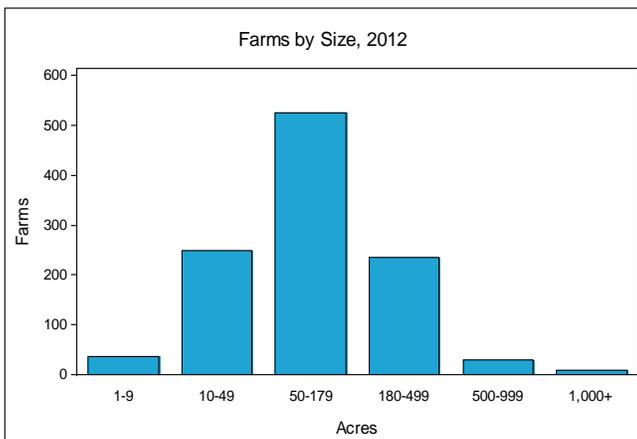
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Preston County West Virginia

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,084	1,048	+ 3
Land in Farms	160,704 acres	152,276 acres	+ 6
Average Size of Farm	148 acres	145 acres	+ 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$18,156,000	\$13,644,000	+ 33
Crop Sales \$5,099,000 (28 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$13,057,000 (72 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$16,749	\$13,019	+ 29
Government Payments	\$222,000	\$72,000	+ 208
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,442	\$1,037	+ 135





Preston 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	18,156	11	55	2,429	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,099	7	55	2,414	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,057	9	55	1,932	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,890	6	49	2,072	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	6	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	680	3	52	983	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	200	18	50	1,763	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	2	36	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,124	1	54	1,287	3,049
Poultry and eggs	57	11	54	1,578	3,013
Cattle and calves	9,930	5	55	1,315	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	6	30	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	2	52	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	354	3	54	480	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	118	9	52	1,697	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	20	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	131	5	55	950	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,763	1	54	467	3,057
Corn for grain	2,735	5	48	1,620	2,638
Corn for silage	719	8	38	1,261	2,237
Cut Christmas trees	348	1	38	156	1,557
Oats for grain	284	1	18	756	1,825
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	22,464	4	55	1,249	3,063
Layers	3,746	7	54	925	3,040
Sheep and lambs	2,436	4	51	377	2,897
Goats, all	1,375	2	54	362	2,996
Horses and ponies	971	7	55	1,228	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	198	Farming	500
\$1,000 to \$2,499	159	Other	584
\$2,500 to \$4,999	190	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	195	Male	960
\$10,000 to \$19,999	159	Female	124
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	53	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	18	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	2	White	1,593
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	18,689	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	17,240	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	645		
Average per farm (\$)	595		

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.