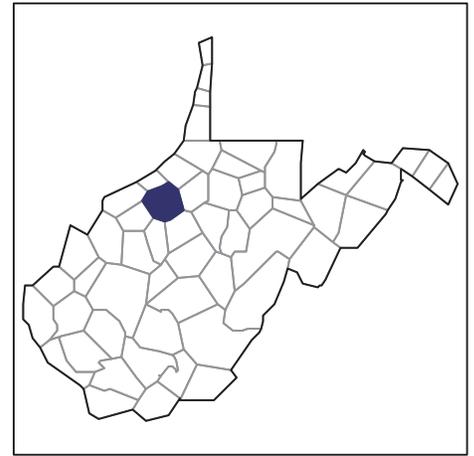


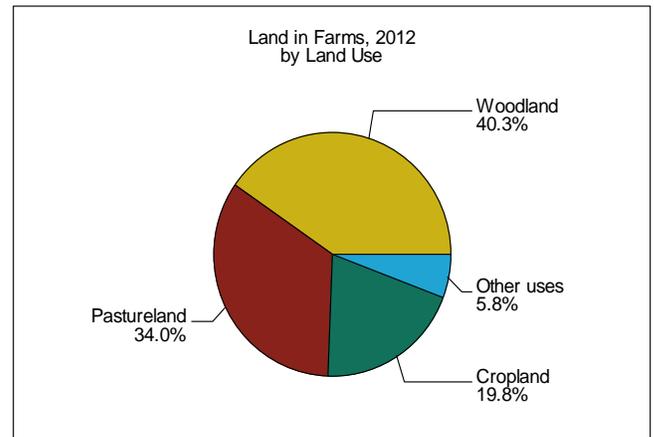
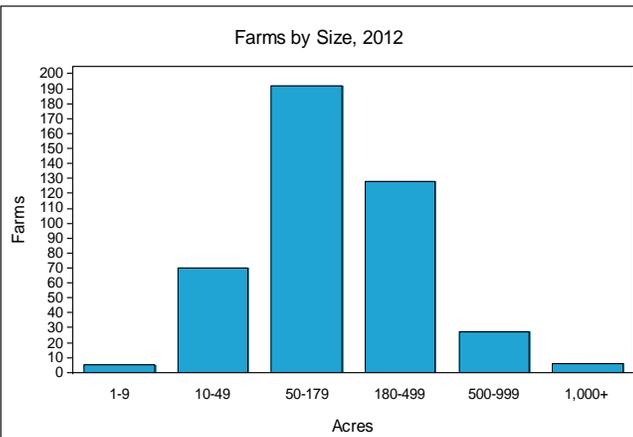
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Ritchie County West Virginia

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	428	441	- 3
<b>Land in Farms</b>	88,778 acres	90,836 acres	- 2
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	207 acres	206 acres	0
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$7,608,000	\$4,079,000	+ 87
Crop Sales \$1,149,000 (15 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,460,000 (85 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$17,777	\$9,250	+ 92
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$57,000	\$3,000	+ 1,800
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,352	\$494	+ 579





## Ritchie County – West Virginia

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	7,608	17	55	2,762	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,149	24	55	2,860	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,460	16	55	2,365	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	44	49	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	6	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	95	25	52	1,867	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	181	7	52	1,128	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	83	32	50	2,090	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	28	36	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	784	16	54	2,110	3,049
Poultry and eggs	17	25	54	2,135	3,013
Cattle and calves	6,345	11	55	1,638	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	29	30	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	14	19	52	1,983	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	30	28	54	2,229	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	39	31	52	2,407	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	20	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	24	55	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,346	18	54	1,289	3,057
Corn for silage	(D)	26	38	(D)	2,237
Land in Berries	29	3	52	547	2,339
Vegetables harvested, all	27	24	52	1,923	2,801
Cut Christmas trees	25	24	38	805	1,557
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	9,403	15	55	1,978	3,063
Layers	1,245	25	54	1,691	3,040
Horses and ponies	494	22	55	2,058	3,072
Rabbits, live	480	1	41	103	2,157
Sheep and lambs	469	17	51	1,485	2,897

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	92	Farming	180
\$1,000 to \$2,499	79	Other	248
\$2,500 to \$4,999	77		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	87	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	45	Male	362
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	66
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$500,000 or more	4	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,354	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	21,854	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	661
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,517	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	-3,544	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.