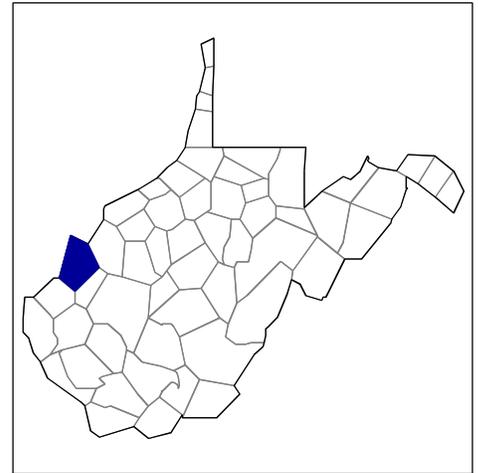


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Number of farms

939 farms in 2002, 883 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

Land in farms

142,007 acres in 2002, 127,963 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Average size of farm

151 acres in 2002, 145 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$16,876,000 in 2002, \$15,216,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,108,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,768,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

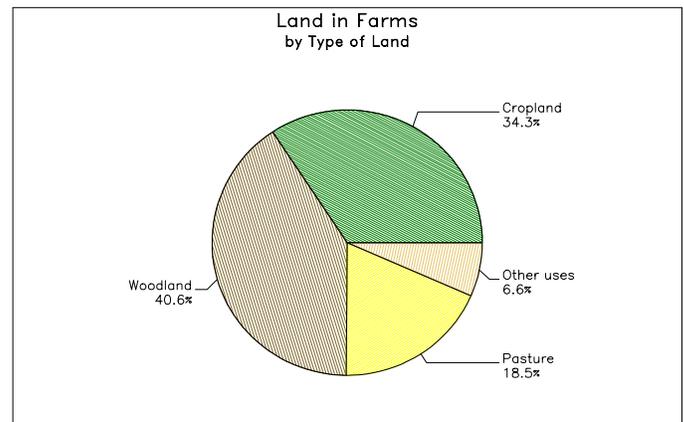
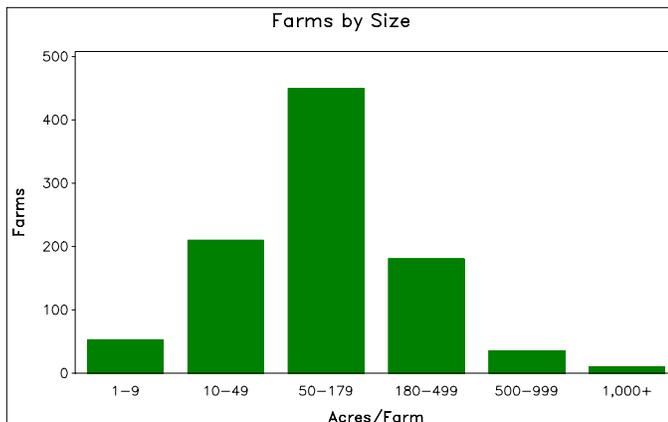
\$17,972 in 2002, \$17,232 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$339,000 in 2002, \$289,000 in 1997, up 17 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,856 in 2002, \$2,279 in 1997, up 69 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	16,876	9	55	2,212	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,108	2	55	1,643	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,768	10	55	2,153	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	131	8	52	1,571	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	23	19	52	1,904	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	40	8	46	715	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	16	13	52	1,805	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,391	9	55	1,822	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,794	5	39	865	2,493
Hogs and pigs	95	2	51	1,467	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	22	23	52	1,831	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	30	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	19	9	52	1,569	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	14,891	7	55	1,745	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,781	7	52	1,054	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,114	7	55	1,135	3,065
All Goats	622	8	52	825	2,971
Hogs and pigs	614	4	51	1,537	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,337	8	55	1,084	3,059
Soybeans	4,901	2	10	1,207	2,076
Corn for grain	3,693	2	47	1,395	2,592
Corn for silage	1,435	5	44	925	2,307
All Wheat for grain	581	3	23	1,734	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	373	Farming	466
\$1,000 to \$2,499	189	Other	473
\$2,500 to \$4,999	115		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	100	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	76	Male	861
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	78
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	White	1,319
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	16,267	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	17,287	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,203	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	1,279	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	13

(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.