

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service

## PRESTON

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	10,597	10	55	2,478	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,253	8	55	2,016	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,344	6	54	2,457	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	4,485	5	55	1,541	3,063
Dairy products	3,251	5	41	826	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,212	1	54	747	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	538	10	52	1,303	2,790
Corn for grain	378	6	45	1,655	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	12,108	5	55	1,433	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	2,325	1	23	107	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	2,284	4	50	426	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	1,053	6	51	1,797	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	11	35	1,153	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	22,157	5	55	1,441	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,871	3	50	399	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,268	8	52	1,084	3,002
Rabbit inventory	1,048	1	45	78	2,456
Horse and pony inventory	587	6	54	1,375	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	37,732	1	54	474	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	2,147	6	51	1,616	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	1,763	7	48	754	2,473
Oats-acres	772	1	34	775	2,332
All nursery-acres	284	3	50	771	2,619

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	691	613	13
\$10,000 or more .....	175	186	-6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	9,588	8,748	10
Average per farm .....dollars..	11,085	10,963	1
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	812	22	3591
Average per farm .....dollars..	939	28	3254
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	799	732	9
Partnership or corporation .....	63	64	-2
Other .....	4	3	33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	348	349	-0
Other .....	518	450	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	788	730	8
Female .....	78	69	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	863	799	8
Black and other races .....	3	-	
Average age of operator .....	56.2	54.8	3

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

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.