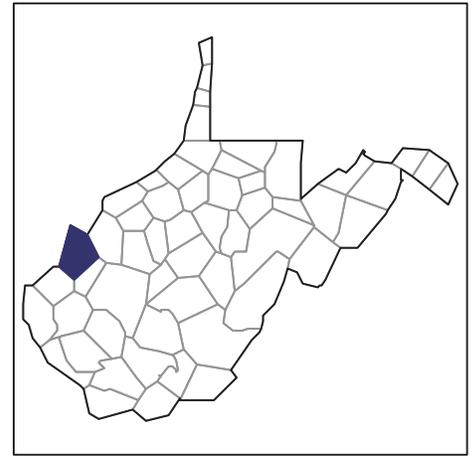


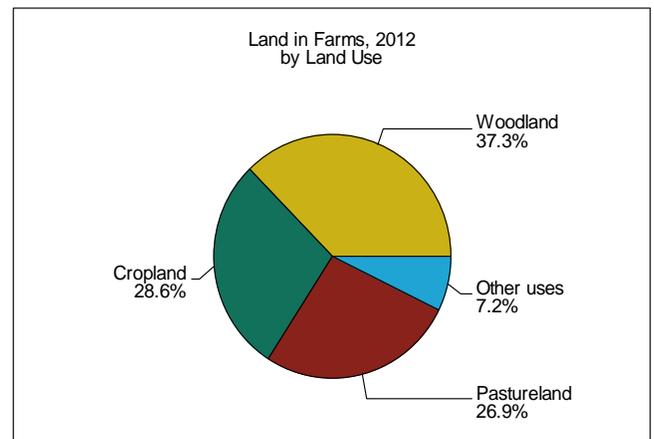
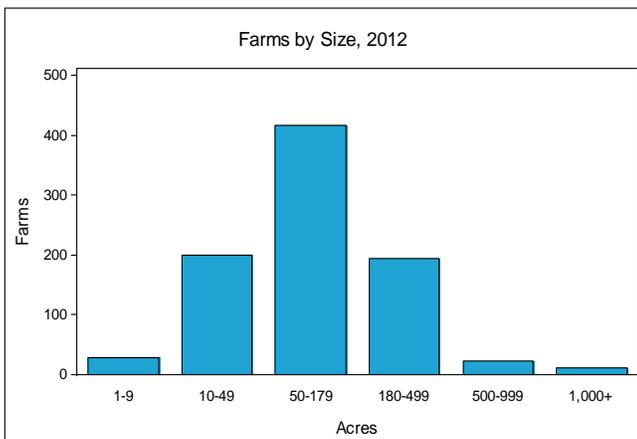
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Mason County West Virginia

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	875	946	- 8
<b>Land in Farms</b>	138,812 acres	132,227 acres	+ 5
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	159 acres	140 acres	+ 14
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$34,094,000	\$18,765,000	+ 82
Crop Sales \$25,251,000 (74 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$8,843,000 (26 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$38,965	\$19,837	+ 96
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$465,000	\$243,000	+ 91
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,037	\$1,776	+ 71





## Mason 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	34,094	7	55	2,059	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	25,251	1	55	1,583	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,843	10	55	2,186	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,267	2	49	1,591	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	1	6	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	181	12	52	1,559	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	139	10	52	1,255	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	15,058	1	50	197	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	3	25	36	1,213	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	2	54	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	36	12	54	1,750	3,013
Cattle and calves	5,357	15	55	1,762	3,056
Milk from cows	3,184	3	30	860	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	1	52	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	20	54	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	69	21	52	2,099	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	14	20	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	13	26	55	2,099	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,778	8	54	983	3,057
Soybeans for beans	9,337	1	17	1,128	2,162
Corn for grain	4,874	2	48	1,424	2,638
Corn for silage	968	6	38	1,135	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	(D)	6	21	(D)	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	14,801	8	55	1,604	3,063
Layers	3,111	9	54	1,017	3,040
Horses and ponies	819	9	55	1,455	3,072
Goats, all	754	5	54	781	2,996
Sheep and lambs	385	20	51	1,644	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	193	Farming	340
\$1,000 to \$2,499	159	Other	535
\$2,500 to \$4,999	151		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	161	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	93	Male	745
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Female	130
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$500,000 or more	10	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	31,947	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	36,511	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,228
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,176	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	3,629	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	11

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.