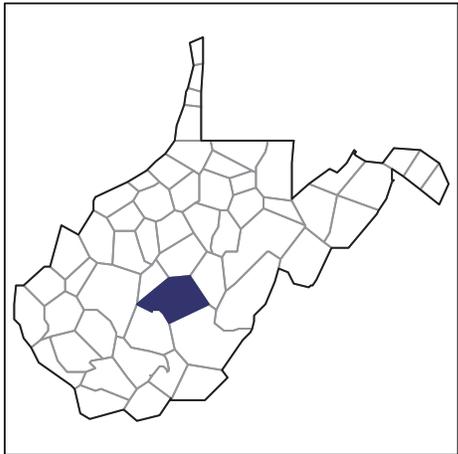


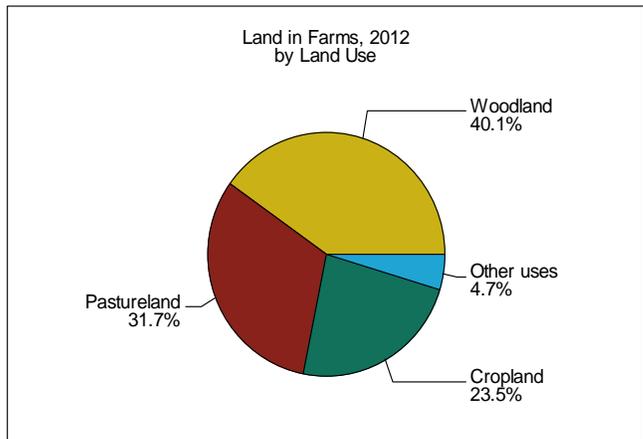
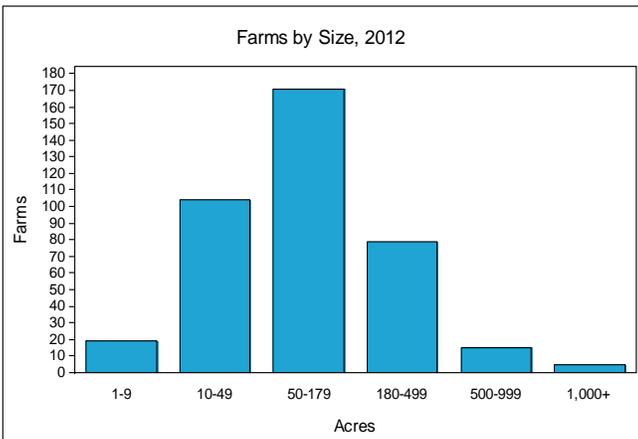
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE

Nicholas County West Virginia



	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	393	434	- 9
Land in Farms	58,093 acres	51,332 acres	+ 13
Average Size of Farm	148 acres	118 acres	+ 25
Market Value of Products Sold	\$4,578,000	\$2,713,000	+ 69
Crop Sales \$768,000 (17 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,810,000 (83 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$11,650	\$6,252	+ 86
Government Payments	\$37,000	\$18,000	+ 106
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$1,099	\$476	+ 131





Nicholas 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	4,578	26	55	2,862	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	768	32	55	2,920	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,810	24	55	2,569	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	22	30	49	2,796	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	6	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	114	21	52	1,792	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	30	34	52	1,989	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	537	31	54	2,381	3,049
Poultry and eggs	25	21	54	1,952	3,013
Cattle and calves	3,515	23	55	2,038	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	22	30	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	13	20	52	1,995	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	136	10	54	1,110	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	20	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	7	34	55	2,345	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,333	24	54	1,437	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	30	21	52	1,850	2,801
Cut Christmas trees	30	22	38	741	1,557
Apples	30	11	52	614	2,167
Corn for silage	24	32	38	2,090	2,237
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,463	20	55	2,151	3,063
Layers	1,581	19	54	1,491	3,040
Sheep and lambs	1,001	8	51	897	2,897
Horses and ponies	412	28	55	2,249	3,072
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	374	15	49	1,376	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	102	Farming	205
\$1,000 to \$2,499	65	Other	188
\$2,500 to \$4,999	65	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	71	Male	357
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35	Female	36
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	White	577
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	4,871	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	12,394	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	337		
Average per farm (\$)	857		

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.