



## Mason County West Virginia

### Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	876	(Z)
Land in farms (acres)	124,733	-10
Average size of farm (acres)	142	-10
<b>Total</b> (\$)		
Market value of products sold	36,356,000	+7
Government payments	829,000	+78
Farm-related income	1,943,000	+245
Total farm production expenses	28,716,000	-10
Net cash farm income	10,411,000	+228
<b>Per farm average</b> (\$)		
Market value of products sold	41,502	+7
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,632	+184
Farm-related income	10,855	+160
Total farm production expenses	32,781	-10
Net cash farm income	11,885	+227

**5** Percent of state agriculture sales

#### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	81
Livestock, poultry, and products	19

#### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	30
Pastureland	24
Woodland	40
Other	6

**Acres irrigated: 188**

(Z)% of land in farms

#### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	7

### Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	436	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	145	17
\$5,000 to \$9,999	117	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	89	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	42	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14	2
\$100,000 or more	33	4

### Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	67	8
10 to 49 acres	221	25
50 to 179 acres	404	46
180 to 499 acres	136	16
500 to 999 acres	35	4
1,000 + acres	13	1

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,356</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>29,382</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,431</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	7,375	2	53	1,490	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	119	23	53	1,224	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	1	53	141	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	9	23	39	538	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,626	9	53	1,417	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>6,974</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	45	16	53	1,288	3,007
Cattle and calves	4,154	13	54	1,789	3,055
Milk from cows	2,239	4	21	797	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	2	52	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	179	9	52	868	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	35	23	52	1,966	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	8	20	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**1,398**

<b>Sex</b>	
Male	932
Female	466

<b>Age</b>	
<35	162
35 – 64	814
65 and older	422

<b>Race</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	4
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2
White	1,384
More than one race	8

<b>Other characteristics</b>	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	7
With military service	127
New and beginning farmers	476

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **66**

Farm organically (Z)

Sell directly to consumers **7**

Hire farm labor **12**

Are family farms **98**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Forage (hay/haylage), all	19,331
Soybeans for beans	8,272
Corn for grain	2,754
Corn for silage or greenchop	548
Wheat for grain, all	181

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	199
Cattle and calves	11,702
Goats	876
Hogs and pigs	364
Horses and ponies	694
Layers	3,722
Pullets	181
Sheep and lambs	685
Turkeys	13

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.