



# Mercer County West Virginia

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

|                                  | 2022        | % change since 2017 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms                  | 374         | -9                  |
| Land in farms (acres)            | 60,763      | +14                 |
| Average size of farm (acres)     | 162         | +25                 |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold    | 4,080,000   | -41                 |
| Government payments              | 77,000      | +30                 |
| Farm-related income              | 3,132,000   | -16                 |
| Total farm production expenses   | 6,548,000   | -10                 |
| Net cash farm income             | 741,000     | -78                 |
| <b>Per farm average</b>          | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold    | 10,909      | -35                 |
| Government payments <sup>a</sup> | 7,691       | +134                |
| Farm-related income <sup>a</sup> | 54,950      | +49                 |
| Total farm production expenses   | 17,508      | -1                  |
| Net cash farm income             | 1,982       | -76                 |

## (Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops                            | 42 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 58 |

### Land in Farms by Use (acres)

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Cropland    | 10,713 |
| Pastureland | 12,605 |
| Woodland    | 35,142 |
| Other       | 2,303  |

### Acres irrigated: 23

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| No till        | 7 |
| Reduced till   | 5 |
| Intensive till | 5 |
| Cover crop     | 7 |

## Farms by Value of Sales

|                      | Number | Percent of Total <sup>b</sup> |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500    | 144    | 39                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999   | 61     | 16                            |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999   | 61     | 16                            |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 53     | 14                            |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 43     | 11                            |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 9      | 2                             |
| \$100,000 or more    | 3      | 1                             |

## Farms by Size

|                  | Number | Percent of Total <sup>b</sup> |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres     | 21     | 6                             |
| 10 to 49 acres   | 103    | 28                            |
| 50 to 179 acres  | 159    | 43                            |
| 180 to 499 acres | 67     | 18                            |
| 500 to 999 acres | 16     | 4                             |
| 1,000+ acres     | 8      | 2                             |

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

|   | Sales<br>(\$1,000) | Rank<br>in<br>State <sup>c</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item | Rank<br>in<br>U.S. <sup>c</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4,080</b>       | <b>30</b>                        | <b>55</b>                     | <b>2,896</b>                    | <b>3,078</b>                  |
| <b>Crops</b>  | <b>1,727</b>       | <b>29</b>                        | <b>55</b>                     | <b>2,776</b>                    | <b>3,074</b>                  |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas                     | 28                 | 34                               | 50                            | 2,525                           | 2,917                         |
| Tobacco   | -                  | -                                | 1                             | -                               | 267                           |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                     | -                  | -                                | -                             | -                               | 647                           |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes              | 69                 | 45                               | 54                            | 1,827                           | 2,831                         |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries                                | 315                | 22                               | 53                            | 1,088                           | 2,711                         |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod                    | (D)                | (D)                              | 53                            | (D)                             | 2,660                         |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation<br>woody crops | 186                | 1                                | 42                            | 216                             | 1,274                         |
| Other crops and hay                                       | (D)                | 30                               | 53                            | (D)                             | 3,035                         |
| <b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>                   | <b>2,353</b>       | <b>25</b>                        | <b>55</b>                     | <b>2,674</b>                    | <b>3,076</b>                  |
| Poultry and eggs  | 79                 | 22                               | 53                            | 1,452                           | 3,027                         |
| Cattle and calves   | 1,867              | 27                               | 54                            | 2,180                           | 3,047                         |
| Milk from cows  | (D)                | 18                               | 28                            | (D)                             | 1,770                         |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)                | (D)                              | 53                            | (D)                             | 2,814                         |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk                          | 96                 | 21                               | 50                            | 1,461                           | 2,967                         |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys                    | 63                 | 18                               | 51                            | 1,763                           | 2,907                         |
| Aquaculture   | (D)                | 9                                | 17                            | (D)                             | 1,190                         |
| Other animals and animal products                         | 34                 | 22                               | 54                            | 1,382                           | 2,909                         |

|                                  |            |                               |   |       |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---|-------|
| <b>Producers <sup>d</sup></b>    | <b>655</b> | <b>Percent of farms that:</b> | <b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>e</sup></b>    |       |
| <b>Sex</b>                       |            | Have internet access          | 68  |       |
| Male                             | 433        |                               |   |       |
| Female                           | 222        |                               |   |       |
| <b>Age</b>                       |            | Farm organically              | -   |       |
| <35                              | 36         |                               |   |       |
| 35 – 64                          | 346        |                               |   |       |
| 65 and older                     | 273        |                               |   |       |
| <b>Race</b>                      |            | Sell directly to consumers    | 6   |       |
| American Indian/Alaska Native    | 10         |                               |   |       |
| Asian                            | -          |                               |   |       |
| Black or African American        | -          |                               |   |       |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | -          | Hire farm labor               | 10  |       |
| White                            | 642        |                               |   |       |
| More than one race               | 3          |                               |   |       |
| <b>Other characteristics</b>     |            | Are family farms              | 99  |       |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 9          |                               |   |       |
| With military service            | 95         |                               |   |       |
| New and beginning farmers        | 197        |                               |   |       |
|                                  |            |                               | <b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)</b> |       |
|                                  |            |                               | Broilers and other meat-type chickens     | 184   |
|                                  |            |                               | Cattle and calves                         | 4,732 |
|                                  |            |                               | Goats                                     | 550   |
|                                  |            |                               | Hogs and pigs                             | 48    |
|                                  |            |                               | Horses and ponies                         | 299   |
|                                  |            |                               | Layers                                    | 1,718 |
|                                  |            |                               | Pullets                                   | 99    |
|                                  |            |                               | Sheep and lambs                           | 440   |
|                                  |            |                               | Turkeys                                   | 14    |

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