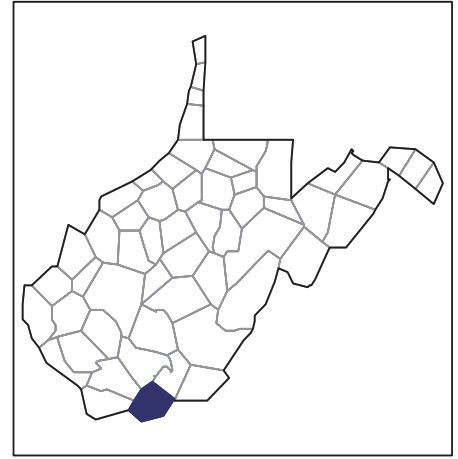


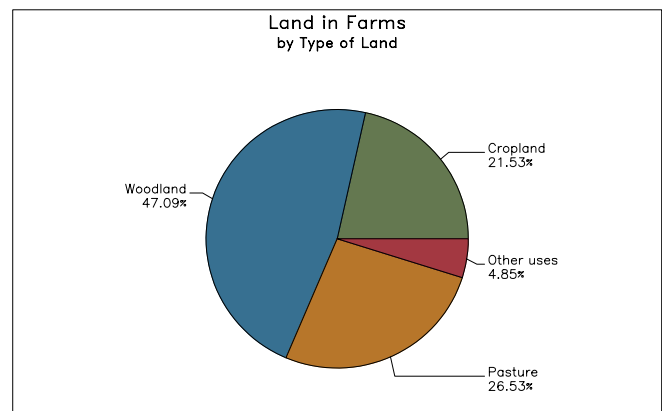
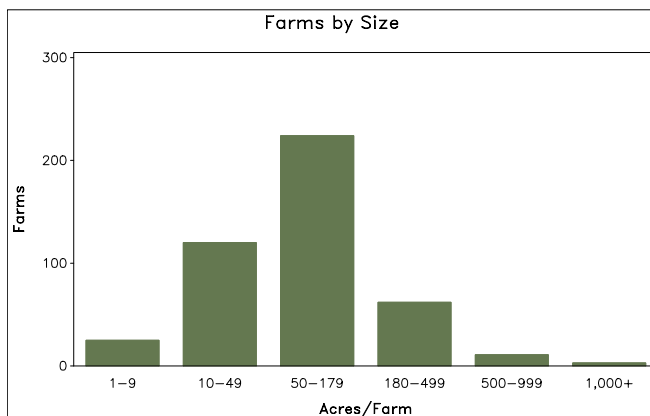
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## County Profile

### Mercer, West Virginia



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	445	393	+ 13
<b>Land in Farms</b>	53,971 acres	55,623 acres	- 3
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	121 acres	142 acres	- 14
<b>Market Value of Production</b>	\$3,718,000	\$2,760,000	+ 35
Crop Sales \$958,000 (26 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,760,000 (74 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$8,354	\$7,022	+ 19
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$13,000	\$5,000	+ 181
Average Per Farm	\$954	\$297	+ 221



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#### Ranked items among the 55 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	3,718	24	55	2,879	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	958	21	55	2,807	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,760	24	55	2,687	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	9	27	48	2,758	2,933
Tobacco	(-)	(-)	9	(-)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	413	12	52	1,503	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	25	13	41	829	1,710
Other crops and hay	442	20	55	2,239	3,054
Poultry and eggs	15	29	55	2,295	3,020
Cattle and calves	2,274	24	55	2,222	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(-)	(-)	26	(-)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	40	54	2,464	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	72	14	52	1,369	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	15	21	54	1,880	2,875
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	5,132	28	55	2,451	3,060
Goats, All	1,386	4	54	487	3,023
Layers	719	37	55	1,895	3,024
Horses and ponies	642	27	55	1,962	3,066
Sheep and lambs	405	22	49	1,589	2,891
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,322	36	55	1,999	3,060
Corn for silage	91	25	42	1,927	2,263
Corn for grain	45	28	46	2,416	2,634
Cut Christmas trees	38	19	46	790	1,756
Oats for grain <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	21	(D)	1,957

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	139	Farming	197
\$1,000 to \$2,499	88	Other	248
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	78	Male	367
\$10,000 to \$19,999	44	Female	78
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	(-)
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6	Asian	(-)
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	Black or African American	5
\$250,000 to \$499,999	(-)	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	(-)
\$500,000 or more	(-)	White	578
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	4,056	More than one race	(-)
Average per farm (\$)	9,114	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	121		
Average per farm (\$)	271		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.