

West Virginia Agriculture Facts

Top 10 Commodities by Cash Receipts

Rank	Commodity	2014 Million Dollars	2015 Million Dollars	%
1	Cattle and calves	251.8	211.0	28.6
2	Broilers	236.8	191.6	25.9
3	Turkeys	60.2	73.5	10.0
4	Chicken Eggs	55.9	53.9	7.3
5	Miscellaneous crops	52.3	52.3	7.1
6	Hay	42.6	40.2	5.4
7	All other animals and products*	37.3	37.3	5.1
8	Dairy products, milk	33.7	24.3	3.3
9	Corn	21.5	17.7	2.4
10	Apples	14.1	13.5	1.8

*not including farm chickens, trout, hogs, cattle, broilers, turkeys and chicken eggs

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Commodity		Rank in US
Apples	90,000,000 lbs	9
Broilers	356,100,000 lbs	18
Cattle	136,673,000 lbs	39
Chickens, All	2,112,000 birds	31
Corn for grain	5,180,000 bu.	40
Corn for silage	252,000 tons	38
Eggs	274,000,000 eggs	32
Goats, meat (Jan 2016)	21,000 head	24
Hay, Alfalfa	66,000 tons	32
Hay, All	1,035,000 tons	37



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There are 20,900 farms on 3,600,000 acres of land in West Virginia.

The average farm size is 172 acres.

Approximately 12.5% of primary farm operators are female (as of 2012 census).

The average West Virginia farmer is 59.7 years old (as of 2012 census).

Just over 42% of principle farm operators list farming as their primary occupation (as of 2012 census).

In the 1960s, one farmer supplied food for 25.8 people in the U.S. and abroad. Today, one farmer supplies food for 155 people in the U.S. and abroad.

Less than \$0.16 of every consumer dollar spent on food actually goes to the farmer.