West Virginia has **22,100** primarily family-owned and operated farms totaling 3.62 million acres with an average of 164 acres per farm. These farms generated more than $560 million worth of crops and livestock. Although the state is ranked 37th in population and 41st in geographical size, in 2012 it ranked eighth in **apple** production, 17th in **peach** production, 13th in **turkey** production, and 17th in **broiler chicken** production.
In terms of dollar value, the commercial broiler (meat chicken) industry is the leading agriculture sector in the state, accounting for about half the value of the state’s agriculture industries. Cattle and calves follow at about a quarter of all agricultural receipts. Various crops round out the mix.
Approximately 80 percent of the Mountain State’s farms generate income of less than $10,000. But the state also leads the nation in its percentage of family-owned farms at just over 95 percent, giving those farmers great flexibility in what they choose to produce and how they choose to produce it. The state also leads the country in the percentage of farms defined as “small” by USDA.
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22,100 farms that encompass 3.62 million acres (2012)

*According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service
West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS)
Cash receipts from farm marketings were $564 million (2011)

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Livestock receipts totaled $460 million. (2011)

Crops were $104 million. (2011)

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According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS), cattle and calves is the second leading sector at $137 million (2011). "Moo"ve over. We’re #2!
According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS), Greenbrier County leads the state in head of cattle at 33,500, followed by Monroe, Pendleton, Hardy and Preston (2013).
Pendleton County leads the state in Sheep and lamb production with 4,500 head, followed by Greenbrier, Preston, Randolph and Pocahontas (2013)

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Hay is the leading crop in terms of the value of production (most consumed by livestock on the farm, not sold) at $108 million worth (2012)

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Greenbrier County leads in hay production (non-alfalfa, which is only 20,000 acres statewide), with 53,000 acres, followed by Preston, Hampshire, Jackson and Mason (2012)

*According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS)*
Jefferson County leads the state in corn for grain at 1.392 million bushels, followed by Hardy, Berkeley, Mason, Preston and Pendleton (2012)

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Jefferson and Berkeley are the only counties in the state with any substantial soybean and wheat production.
West Virginia ranked 8th in the country in apple production with 91 million pounds, valued at $23 million. (2012)
West Virginia ranked 17th in the country in broiler (meat chicken) production with 376 million pounds worth $188 million. (2012)

*According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS)*
Hardy County leads the state in broiler inventory at 5.7 million, followed by Pendleton, Grant, Mineral and Hampshire (2007).

*According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS)
West Virginia ranked 13th in the country in turkey production with 96 million pounds worth $69 million (2012)

*According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS)*
West Virginia leads the nation in percentage of family farms at 95.2 percent (2007)

*According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS)*
West Virginia leads the nation in percentage of small farms at 98.2 percent. USDA defines small farms as those with $250,000 or less in sales (2007).

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Preston County has the most farms in the state at 1,048, followed by Jackson, Mason, Wood and Greenbrier (2007)

*According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS)*
Greenbrier County has the most land in farms with 176,995 acres, followed by Pendleton, Preston, Hardy and Monroe (2007).

*According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS)*
Hardy County leads the state in agricultural sales at $148 million, followed by Pendleton, Greenbrier, Grant and Hampshire (2007)

*According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS)*
Currently, West Virginia farms produce $5.6 million of vegetables. WV grows 1.2 acres of fresh fruits and vegetables per 1,000 people; the national average is almost 9 acres (West Virginia Food System Study, 2012).

*According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS)*
Current vegetable production takes place on about 2,000 acres, which is less than 0.05% of all potential farmland in the state (West Virginia Food System Study, 2012)

*According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service West Virginia Office (USDA-NASS)*
Between 2002 and 2007, the number of WV farms growing vegetables doubled in the same period. Acreage devoted to vegetable production jumped from approximately 1,700 to 2,200 acres (USDA-NASS, 2007)

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