

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



ROCKCASTLE KENTUCKY

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 92,782 acres in 1992 to 93,657 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 109 acres in 1992 to 121 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 363 farms in 1992 to 310 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

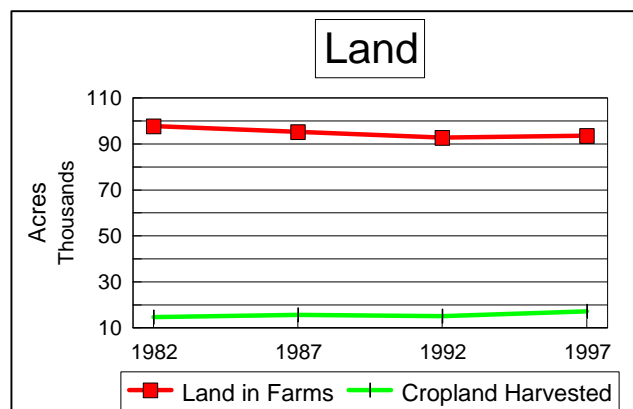
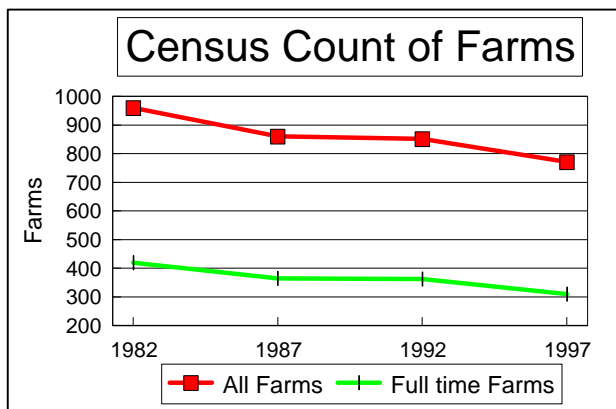
Decreased 4 percent to \$10,417,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$12,721 in 1992 to \$13,512 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	10,417	80	120	2,483	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,106	81	120	2,031	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,311	73	120	2,424	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	5,356	62	116	152	580
Cattle and calves	2,928	62	120	1,869	3,063
Dairy products	1,258	41	107	1,300	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	495	48	119	1,619	3,043
Corn for grain	141	81	116	1,920	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	8,566	58	120	1,737	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	76	116	2,051	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	61	52	116	1,424	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	30	78	106	2,425	2,765
All goats sold	16	72	110	2,114	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	17,185	57	120	1,687	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	474	62	119	1,668	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	309	66	119	2,041	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	267	80	118	2,136	3,005
Broiler inventory	78	56	101	1,738	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	14,045	64	120	1,361	3,061
Tobacco-acres	1,793	58	116	139	583
Corn for grain-acres	815	82	118	1,921	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	637	47	110	1,307	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	308	83	98	1,804	2,144

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	496	561	-12
\$10,000 or more	275	291	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	6,366	6,827	-7
Average per farmdollars..	8,267	8,013	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,262	3,747	-13
Average per farmdollars..	4,236	4,398	-4
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	694	744	-7
Partnership or corporation	72	106	-32
Other	5	2	150
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	310	363	-15
Other	461	489	-6
Operators by sex:			
Male	706	785	-10
Female	65	67	-3
Operators by race:			
White	768	850	-10
Black and other races	3	2	50
Average age of operator	53.4	53.3	0

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.