

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 229,838 acres in 1992 to 198,639 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 140 acres in 1992 to 142 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 743 farms in 1992 to 602 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

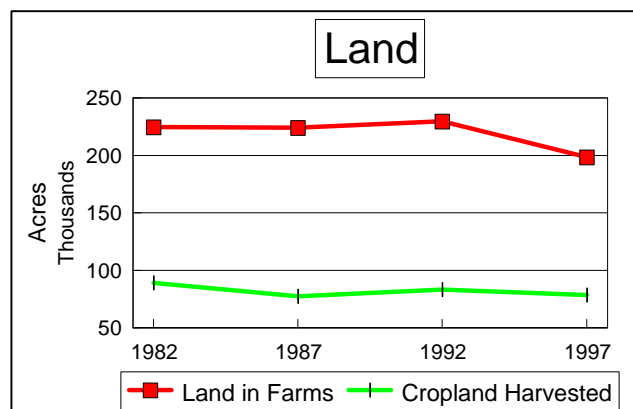
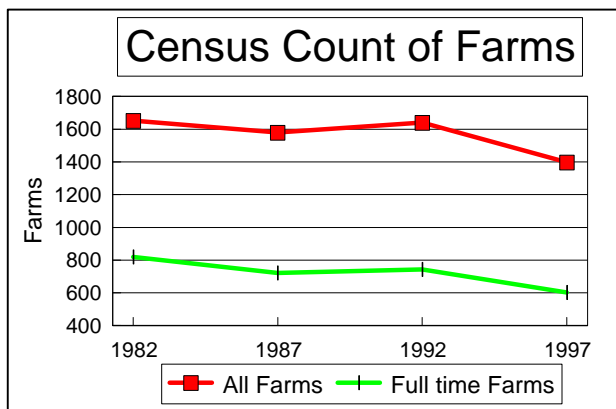
Decreased 6 percent to \$56,164,000 in 1997.

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 10 percent from \$36,484 in 1992 to \$40,146 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	56,164	14	120	1,059	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	33,247	9	120	865	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	22,916	17	120	1,116	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	21,713	3	116	32	580
Cattle and calves	9,299	17	120	960	3,063
Dairy products	8,488	5	107	427	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,600	2	113	418	2,790
Horses and ponies	3,164	8	116	25	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	22,992	17	120	847	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	15,330	26	116	896	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	710	3	106	1,024	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	300	4	50	479	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	227	9	116	294	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	43,879	15	120	725	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,940	22	118	813	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	2,669	5	119	114	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	867	5	109	1,055	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	612	33	119	1,518	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	41,199	4	120	408	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	15,012	25	98	881	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	10,589	27	118	1,065	2,691
Tobacco-acres	6,258	3	116	29	583
Corn for silage-acres	4,993	2	110	309	2,473

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	620	751	-17
\$10,000 or more	779	889	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	37,155	40,795	-9
Average per farmdollars..	26,539	24,875	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	18,258	18,549	-2
Average per farmdollars..	13,042	11,311	15
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,137	1,324	-14
Partnership or corporation	254	310	-18
Other	8	6	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	602	743	-19
Other	797	897	-11
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,258	1,493	-16
Female	141	147	-4
Operators by race:			
White	1,382	1,620	-15
Black and other races	17	20	-15
Average age of operator	54.5	53.2	2

(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.