

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 196,701 acres in 1992 to 211,642 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 18 percent from 508 acres in 1992 to 601 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 232 farms in 1992 to 210 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

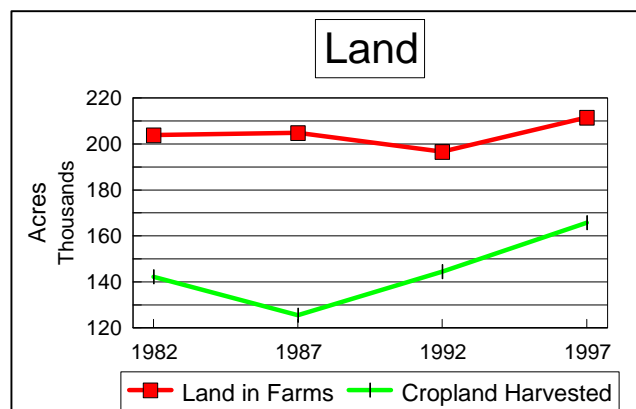
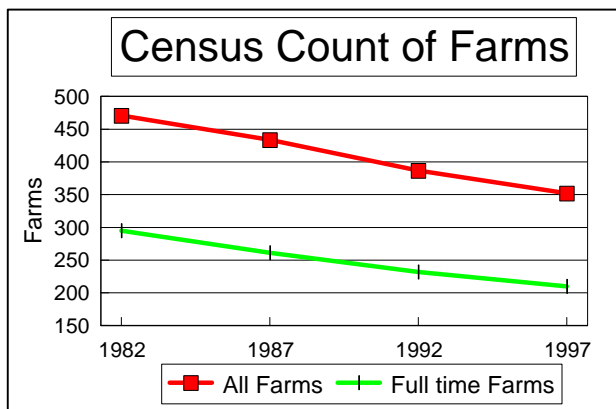
Increased 17 percent to \$58,623,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$129,276 in 1992 to \$166,542 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	58,623	13	120	1,016	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	47,999	3	120	578	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	10,624	49	120	1,818	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	23,661	1	116	264	2,582
Soybeans	21,023	1	98	270	2,136
Hogs and pigs	5,840	4	116	481	2,976
Cattle and calves	3,954	50	120	1,646	3,063
Wheat	2,461	11	96	590	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	55,246	5	116	491	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	10,128	51	120	1,600	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	5	116	14	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	66	106	2,285	2,765
Mules, burros, and donkeys sold	(D)	15	74	278	1,580
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	31,045	3	118	440	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	17,973	54	120	1,636	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	259	93	119	2,361	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	34	87	109	2,512	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	89	117	2,513	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	81,565	1	118	291	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	72,742	2	98	349	2,144
Wheat-acres	13,324	13	97	662	2,612
Hay crops-acres	10,203	73	120	1,700	3,061
Popcorn-acres	846	8	22	98	534

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	121	120	1
\$10,000 or more .....	231	267	-13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	38,710	34,814	11
Average per farm .....dollars..	109,971	89,959	22
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	20,307	14,477	40
Average per farm .....dollars..	57,690	37,407	54
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	246	272	-10
Partnership or corporation .....	104	112	-7
Other .....	2	3	-33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	210	232	-9
Other .....	142	155	-8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	335	372	-10
Female .....	17	15	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	352	387	-9
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	52.3	50.9	3

(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.