

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



WASHINGTON KENTUCKY

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 165,391 acres in 1992 to 157,392 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 145 acres in 1992 to 150 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 544 farms in 1992 to 445 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

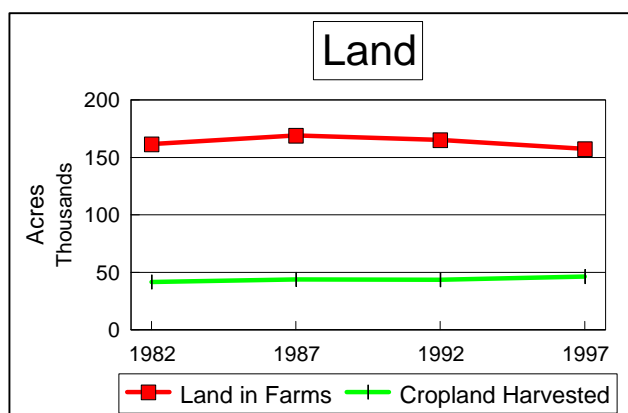
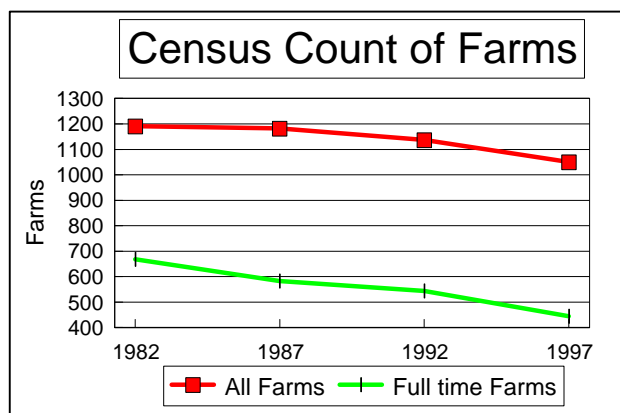
Increased 1 percent to \$32,584,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$28,374 in 1992 to \$31,033 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	32,584	34	120	1,642	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,977	33	120	1,397	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	15,607	33	120	1,480	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	13,033	22	116	68	580
Cattle and calves	9,894	14	120	900	3,063
Dairy products	4,894	23	107	648	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	7	113	646	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	870	22	119	1,074	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	21,713	19	120	910	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,556	43	116	1,358	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	29	88	978	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	195	13	116	370	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	74	46	106	2,117	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	41,017	19	120	797	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,367	39	118	1,273	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,212	18	119	559	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	322	62	119	2,007	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	168	37	109	1,939	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	37,528	9	120	478	3,061
Tobacco-acres	3,856	26	116	70	583
Corn for silage-acres	2,364	14	110	602	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	2,060	67	118	1,635	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,936	54	98	1,423	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	487	490	-1
\$10,000 or more	563	647	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	22,204	20,853	6
Average per farmdollars..	21,167	18,340	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,932	11,913	-25
Average per farmdollars..	8,515	10,478	-19
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	886	951	-7
Partnership or corporation	162	185	-12
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	445	544	-18
Other	605	593	2
Operators by sex:			
Male	966	1,045	-8
Female	84	92	-9
Operators by race:			
White	1,039	1,132	-8
Black and other races	11	5	120
Average age of operator	53.4	52.8	1

(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.