

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 42,602 acres in 1992 to 46,646 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 57 percent from 154 acres in 1992 to 242 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 49 percent from 109 farms in 1992 to 56 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

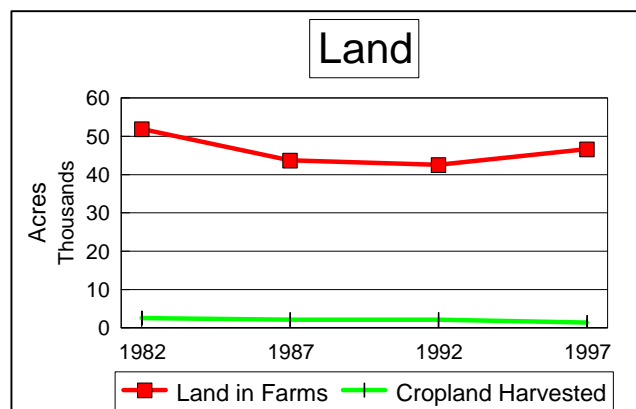
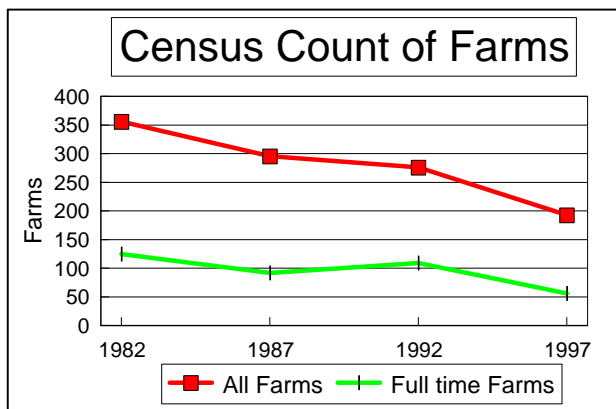
Decreased 30 percent to \$1,419,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$7,387 in 1992 to \$7,351 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	1,419	109	120	2,978	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	1,191	107	120	2,678	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	228	110	120	2,997	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	1,088	98	116	300	580
Cattle and calves	110	112	120	2,972	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	4	35	426	1,505
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	47	108	119	2,834	3,043
Horses and ponies	33	86	116	2,279	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	305	112	120	2,968	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	57	102	116	2,705	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	53	88	1,790	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	24	94	116	2,340	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	78	110	2,164	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	672	112	120	2,963	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	145	101	119	2,486	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	124	107	119	2,793	3,066
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	63	49	101	1,445	2,549
All goat inventory	53	87	118	2,213	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	760	111	120	2,910	3,061
Tobacco-acres	461	93	116	275	583
Corn for grain-acres	216	105	118	2,233	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	8	80	111	2,225	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	108	110	2,418	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	148	215	-31
\$10,000 or more	45	61	-26
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	893	1,152	-22
Average per farmdollars..	4,651	4,189	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	560	972	-42
Average per farmdollars..	2,914	3,535	-18
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	180	247	-27
Partnership or corporation	12	26	-54
Other	1	3	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	56	109	-49
Other	137	167	-18
Operators by sex:			
Male	168	247	-32
Female	25	29	-14
Operators by race:			
White	191	276	-31
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	56.3	52.9	6

(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.