

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



CHRISTIAN KENTUCKY

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 299,321 acres in 1992 to 309,615 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 256 acres in 1992 to 267 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 561 farms in 1992 to 555 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

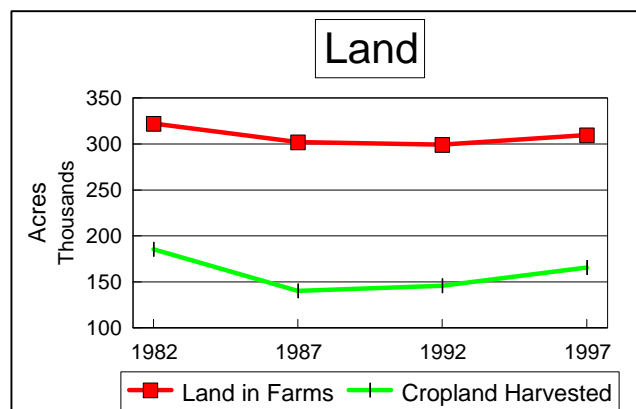
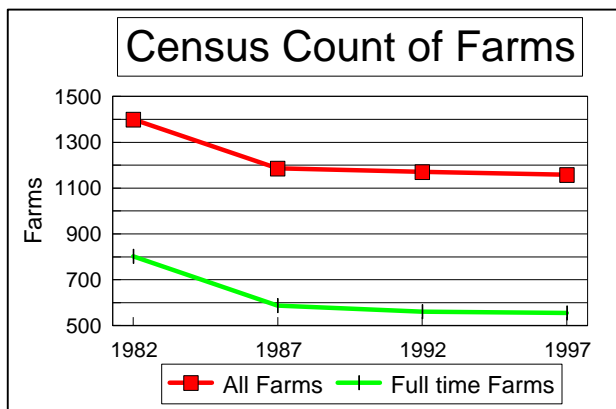
Increased 39 percent to \$82,557,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 40 percent from \$50,839 in 1992 to \$71,293 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	82,557	5	120	679	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	63,182	1	120	376	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	19,376	23	120	1,275	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	20,537	2	116	322	2,582
Tobacco	17,401	10	116	47	580
Soybeans	14,115	4	98	430	2,136
Cattle and calves	9,460	15	120	938	3,063
Wheat	8,587	1	96	250	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	18	46	501	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	16	88	585	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	37,982	8	116	619	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	23,280	14	120	832	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	17	63	877	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	18	101	504	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	80,784	6	119	464	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	37,201	23	120	896	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	18,088	12	118	628	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	9	117	570	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	63,281	4	118	420	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	61,655	5	98	432	2,144
Wheat-acres	45,450	1	97	327	2,612
Hay crops-acres	31,455	24	120	639	3,061
Tobacco-acres	4,441	15	116	54	583

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	552	519	6
\$10,000 or more	606	652	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	57,441	44,192	30
Average per farmdollars..	49,603	37,771	31
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	24,004	15,995	50
Average per farmdollars..	20,729	13,671	52
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	995	992	0
Partnership or corporation	160	169	-5
Other	3	10	-70
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	555	561	-1
Other	603	610	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,071	1,104	-3
Female	87	67	30
Operators by race:			
White	1,113	1,134	-2
Black and other races	45	37	22
Average age of operator	54.1	52.7	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.