

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 111,913 acres in 1992 to 118,597 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 241 acres in 1992 to 246 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 218 farms in 1992 to 188 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

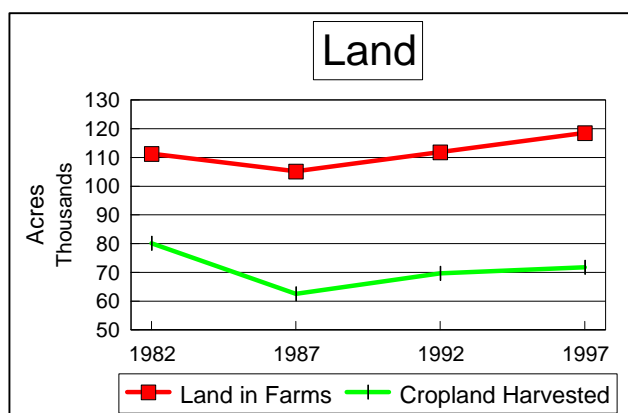
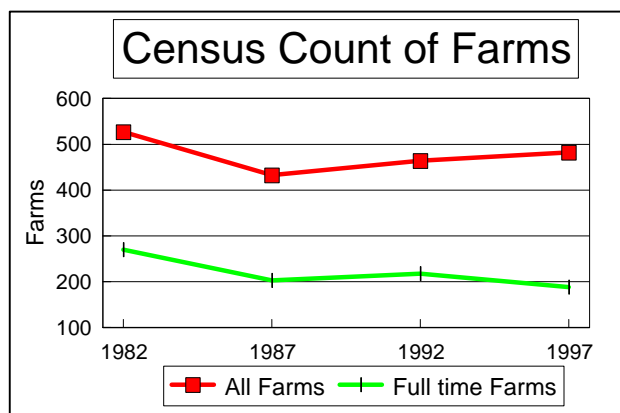
Increased 18 percent to \$34,703,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 14 percent from \$63,402 in 1992 to \$71,998 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	34,703	31	120	1,580	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	21,798	22	120	1,194	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	12,905	40	120	1,647	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	7,798	14	98	623	2,136
Poultry & poultry products	7,432	9	109	500	2,901
Corn for grain	5,730	17	116	752	2,582
Tobacco	5,495	59	116	149	580
Wheat	2,253	13	96	620	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,589,800	6	46	279	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	21	88	747	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	18,216	20	116	843	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	5,174	77	120	2,140	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	5	50	574	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	651,000	6	101	295	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	14	119	714	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	11,236	75	120	2,034	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	10,469	19	118	787	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	301	87	119	2,209	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	38,726	14	98	605	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	21,283	17	118	793	2,691
Wheat-acres	13,594	12	97	655	2,612
Hay crops-acres	9,303	78	120	1,783	3,061
Tobacco-acres	1,621	62	116	154	583

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 .....	243	212	15
\$10,000 or more .....	239	252	-5
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	23,778	21,610	10
Average per farm .....dollars..	49,332	46,573	6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,946	7,777	15
Average per farm .....dollars..	18,560	16,760	11
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	423	403	5
Partnership or corporation .....	56	61	-8
Other .....	3	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	188	218	-14
Other .....	294	246	20
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	454	438	4
Female .....	28	26	8
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	477	459	4
Black and other races .....	5	5	
Average age of operator .....	53.5	50.7	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.