

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



KENTON KENTUCKY

Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 44,188 acres in 1992 to 37,788 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 87 acres in 1992 to 85 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 144 farms in 1992 to 138 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

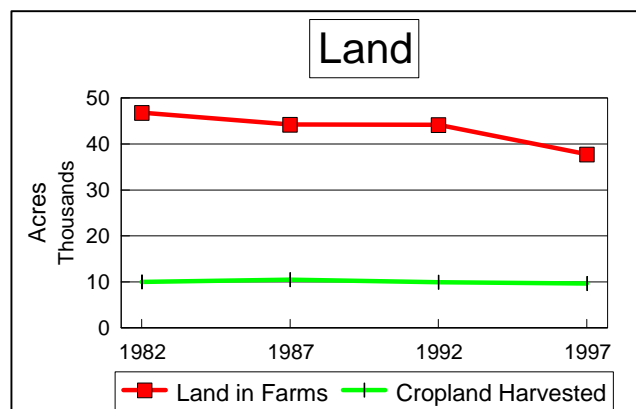
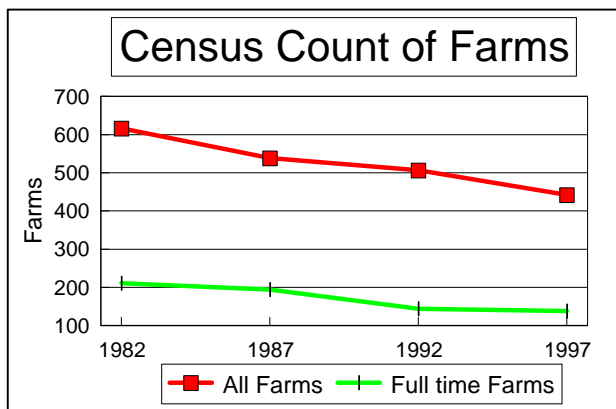
Decreased 8 percent to \$5,094,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$10,943 in 1992 to \$11,524 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	5,094	95	120	2,756	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	3,141	99	120	2,349	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,952	90	120	2,734	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	2,417	84	116	229	580
Cattle and calves	1,320	86	120	2,408	3,063
Dairy products	424	69	107	1,827	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	325	37	113	1,525	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	312	76	119	2,040	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	23	46	731	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	1	20	402	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	3,502	86	120	2,394	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	64	47	116	1,380	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	31	63	1,540	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,920	87	120	2,409	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	1	83	355	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	21	119	1,136	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	23	101	794	2,620
Horse and pony inventory	528	58	119	1,524	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,325	84	120	1,874	3,061
Tobacco-acres	842	85	116	221	583
Corn for grain-acres	243	102	118	2,218	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	158	86	110	1,898	2,473
All nursery-acres	128	17	99	1,094	2,619

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	324	345	-6
\$10,000 or more	118	162	-27
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,512	4,954	-29
Average per farmdollars..	7,946	9,772	-19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,228	2,074	-41
Average per farmdollars..	2,778	4,091	-32
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	407	437	-7
Partnership or corporation	33	70	-53
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	138	144	-4
Other	304	363	-16
Operators by sex:			
Male	397	456	-13
Female	45	51	-12
Operators by race:			
White	441	507	-13
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	54.8	53.1	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.