

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 120,959 acres in 1992 to 116,503 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 134 acres in 1992 to 145 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 438 farms in 1992 to 345 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

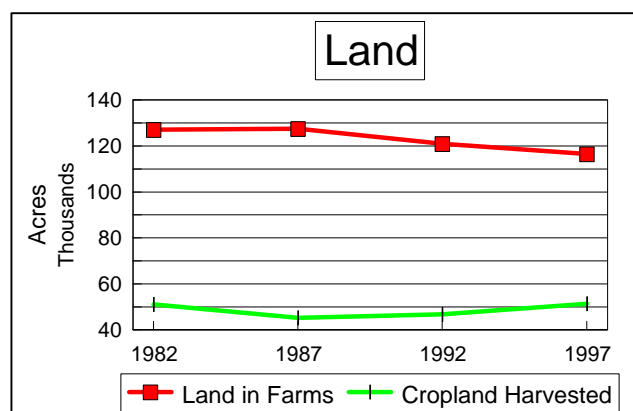
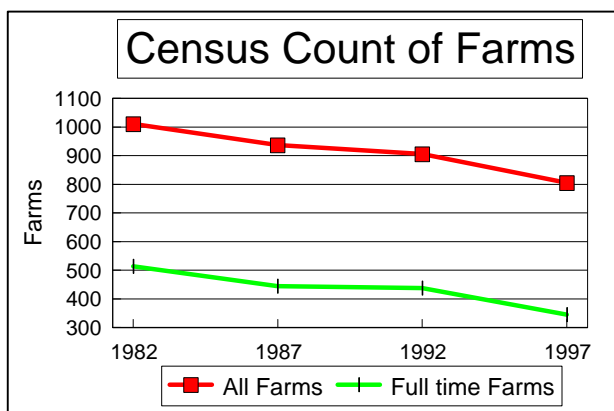
Increased 4 percent to \$24,766,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 17 percent from \$26,338 in 1992 to \$30,727 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	24,766	52	120	1,925	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	12,738	50	120	1,605	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	12,027	44	120	1,710	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	6,307	16	107	537	2,563
Tobacco	5,506	58	116	148	580
Cattle and calves	5,183	40	120	1,442	3,063
Soybeans	3,572	23	98	825	2,136
Corn for grain	1,830	27	116	1,145	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	13,192	40	120	1,354	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	8,563	33	116	1,065	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	194	27	106	1,733	2,765
All goats sold	111	11	110	836	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	69	45	116	1,307	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	29,810	34	120	1,137	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,956	36	118	1,197	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	545	55	119	1,488	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	483	16	109	1,429	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	436	49	119	1,791	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	22,810	35	120	897	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	15,764	23	98	864	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	9,984	28	118	1,089	2,691
Wheat-acres	2,070	30	97	1,413	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	2,021	22	110	683	2,473

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 .....	442	507	-13
\$10,000 or more .....	364	399	-9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	16,502	16,671	-1
Average per farm .....dollars..	20,474	18,400	11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,175	6,114	17
Average per farm .....dollars..	8,902	6,748	32
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	704	776	-9
Partnership or corporation .....	102	127	-20
Other .....	-	3	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	345	438	-21
Other .....	461	468	-1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	729	822	-11
Female .....	77	84	-8
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	796	893	-11
Black and other races .....	10	13	-23
Average age of operator .....	55.1	53.5	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.