

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



LETCHER KENTUCKY

Land in farms

Decreased 21 percent from 3,383 acres in 1992 to 2,686 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 23 percent from 113 acres in 1992 to 87 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 13 farms in 1992 to 11 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

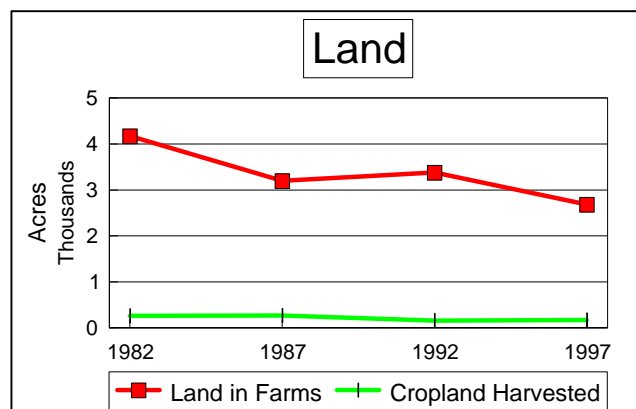
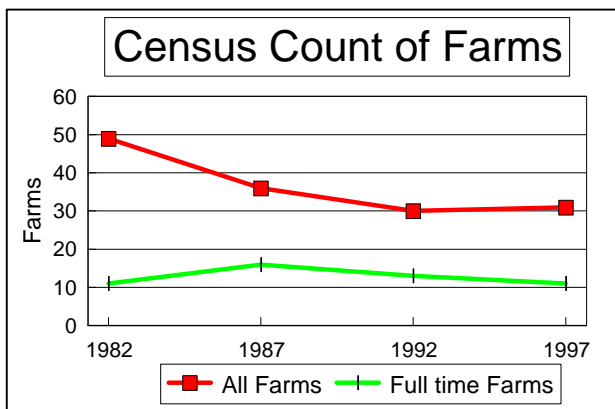
Decreased 5 percent to \$59,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 12 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 88 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 8 percent from \$2,064 in 1992 to \$1,907 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	59	119	120	3,066	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	52	117	120	3,048	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7	119	120	3,064	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	28	119	120	3,033	3,063
Hogs and pigs	22	87	116	2,364	2,976
Tobacco	(D)	116	116	555	580
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2	118	119	3,020	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	101	105	2,634	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	162	90	116	2,461	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	88	118	120	3,029	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	61	88	1,913	2,203
All goats sold	(D)	106	110	2,595	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	115	116	2,988	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	252	117	120	3,014	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	190	91	119	2,335	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	152	85	118	2,354	3,005
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	19	74	650	1,790
Horse and pony inventory	30	116	119	3,022	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	116	118	120	3,024	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	44	114	118	2,476	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	12	67	111	2,084	2,693
Tobacco-acres	(D)	114	116	531	583
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	100	105	2,592	2,741

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	30	28	7
\$10,000 or more	1	2	-50
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	104	85	22
Average per farmdollars..	3,363	2,824	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(45)	(23)	-96
Average per farmdollars..	(1,456)	(760)	-92
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	31	29	7
Partnership or corporation		1	-100
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	11	13	-15
Other	20	17	18
Operators by sex:			
Male	30	29	3
Female	1	1	
Operators by race:			
White	31	30	3
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	53.2	56.7	-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.