

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 32 percent from 5,419 acres in 1992 to 3,684 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 24 percent from 89 acres in 1992 to 68 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 33 percent from 15 farms in 1992 to 10 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

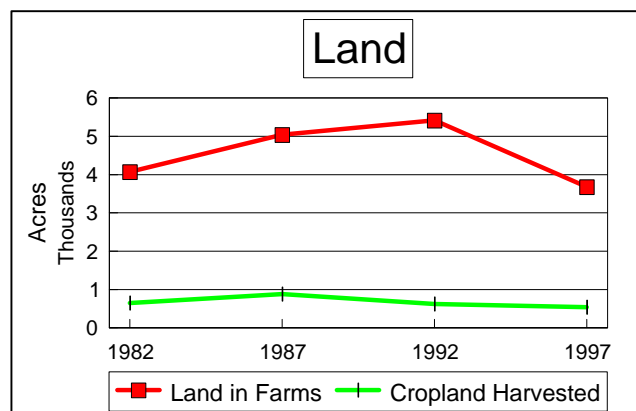
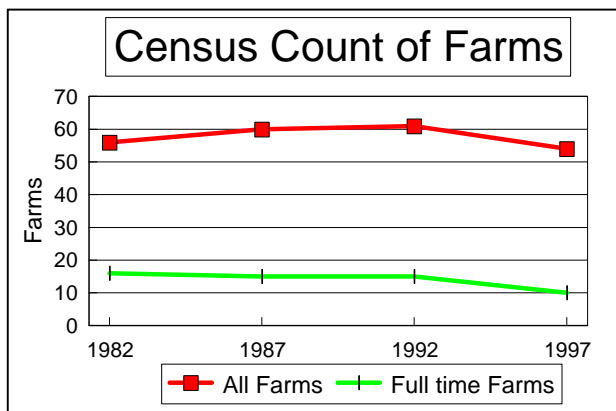
Decreased 34 percent to \$127,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 25 percent from \$3,143 in 1992 to \$2,352 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	127	116	120	3,054	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	96	115	120	3,029	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	31	117	120	3,055	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	92	114	120	2,983	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	21	112	119	2,945	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	79	105	2,362	2,739
Corn for grain	(D)	116	116	2,494	2,582
Hogs and pigs	(D)	112	116	2,893	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	264	114	120	2,977	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	47	88	1,623	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	34	63	1,610	2,200
All goats sold	(D)	58	110	1,831	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	111	116	2,906	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	555	113	120	2,973	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	53	113	119	2,972	3,066
All goat inventory	38	98	118	2,383	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	114	119	2,902	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	93	117	2,612	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	508	112	120	2,944	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	117	118	2,566	2,691
Field seeds-acres	(D)	27	32	1,028	1,212
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	79	105	2,378	2,741
All nursery-acres	(D)	94	99	2,493	2,619

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 .....	53	58	-9
\$10,000 or more .....	1	3	-67
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	151	230	-34
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,790	3,767	-26
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(24)	(38)	37
Average per farm .....dollars..	(438)	(624)	30
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	48	55	-13
Partnership or corporation .....	5	6	-17
Other .....	1	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	10	15	-33
Other .....	44	46	-4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	51	60	-15
Female .....	3	1	200
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	53	59	-10
Black and other races .....	1	2	-50
Average age of operator .....	53.4	51.6	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.