

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 144,254 acres in 1992 to 131,457 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 163 acres in 1992 to 175 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 25 percent from 522 farms in 1992 to 392 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

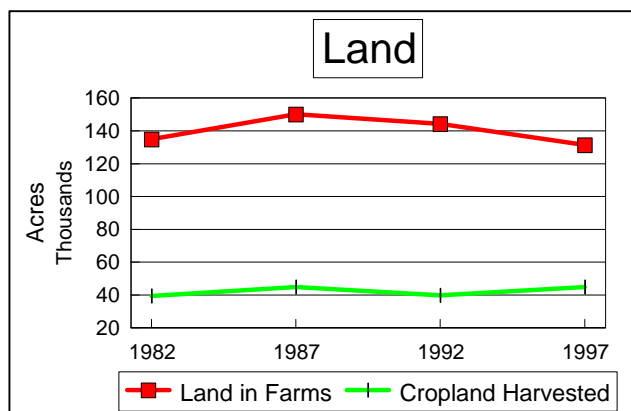
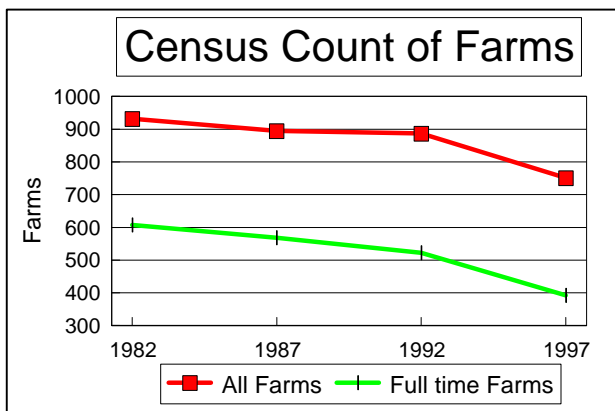
Decreased 2 percent to \$30,991,000 in 1997.

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 15 percent from \$35,769 in 1992 to \$41,266 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	30,991	39	120	1,689	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	19,130	28	120	1,294	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,861	45	120	1,724	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	17,619	9	116	45	580
Dairy products	7,117	11	107	484	2,563
Cattle and calves	4,454	44	120	1,546	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	781	30	119	1,187	3,043
Corn for grain	434	58	116	1,604	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	11,994	42	120	1,440	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,848	55	116	1,588	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	114	39	106	1,963	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	60	55	116	1,451	3,015
All goats sold	29	54	110	1,782	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	28,335	35	120	1,193	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	557	53	119	1,456	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	491	65	118	1,886	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	229	30	109	1,792	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	135	51	117	1,827	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	30,922	25	120	652	3,061
Tobacco-acres	5,833	7	116	36	583
Corn for grain-acres	4,346	45	118	1,382	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	3,884	4	110	391	2,473
Wheat-acres	988	36	97	1,663	2,612

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 .....	241	277	-13
\$10,000 or more .....	510	610	-16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	17,838	17,984	-1
Average per farm .....dollars..	23,720	20,275	17
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	11,286	14,192	-20
Average per farm .....dollars..	15,008	16,000	-6
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	587	705	-17
Partnership or corporation .....	163	177	-8
Other .....	1	5	-80
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	392	522	-25
Other .....	359	365	-2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	668	798	-16
Female .....	83	89	-7
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	742	874	-15
Black and other races .....	9	13	-31
Average age of operator .....	53.6	52.9	1

(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.