

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



NELSON KENTUCKY

Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 191,002 acres in 1992 to 176,468 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 134 acres in 1992 to 141 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 561 farms in 1992 to 455 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

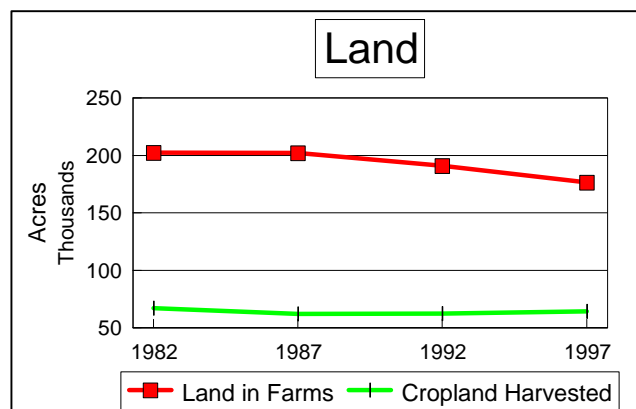
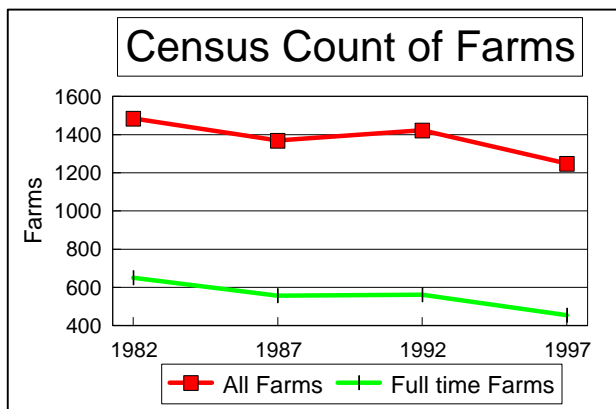
Decreased 5 percent to \$38,646,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$28,601 in 1992 to \$30,942 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	38,646	22	120	1,475	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,339	13	120	1,058	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	14,307	46	120	1,511	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	8,870	4	107	413	2,563
Tobacco	8,510	44	116	111	580
Hogs and pigs	7,546	2	116	411	2,976
Cattle and calves	7,508	24	120	1,134	3,063
Soybeans	2,730	28	98	905	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	65,442	2	116	444	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	19,553	27	120	1,013	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	452	8	106	1,305	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	136	24	116	650	3,015
All goats sold	84	17	110	1,015	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	42,589	16	120	751	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	42,543	1	118	350	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,291	14	119	509	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	603	11	109	1,289	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	587	35	119	1,560	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	37,677	8	120	475	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	13,471	28	98	919	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	7,666	32	118	1,166	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	4,206	3	110	361	2,473
Tobacco-acres	2,624	41	116	103	583

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	716	788	-9
\$10,000 or more	533	635	-16
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	28,996	28,229	3
Average per farmdollars..	23,197	19,838	17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,848	12,631	-22
Average per farmdollars..	7,879	8,877	-11
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,088	1,200	-9
Partnership or corporation	160	216	-26
Other	1	7	-86
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	455	561	-19
Other	794	862	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,159	1,323	-12
Female	90	100	-10
Operators by race:			
White	1,246	1,410	-12
Black and other races	3	13	-77
Average age of operator	52.5	51.8	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.