

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 112,409 acres in 1992 to 106,292 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 171 acres in 1992 to 187 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 346 farms in 1992 to 287 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

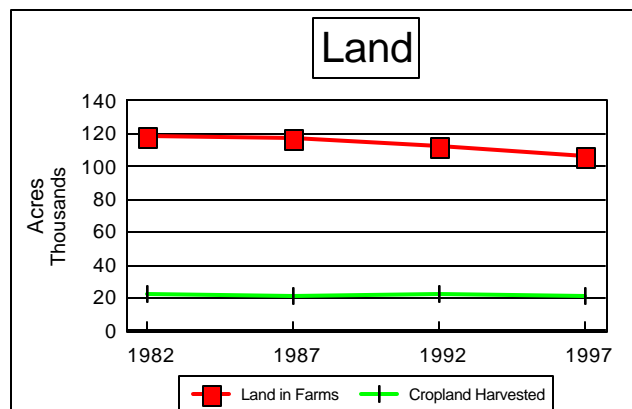
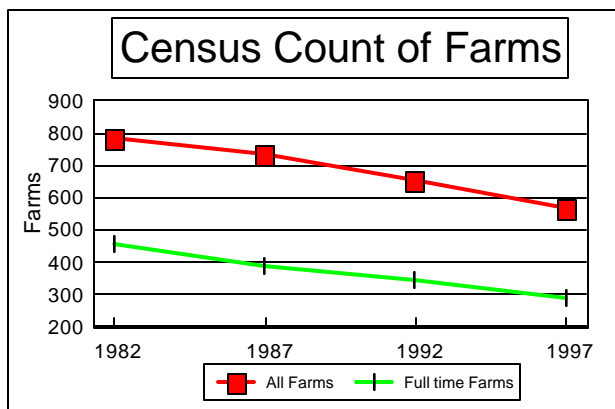
Decreased 11 percent to \$16,024,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 3 percent from \$27,543 in 1992 to \$28,261 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	16,024	67	120	2,252	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	11,108	58	120	1,691	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,916	70	120	2,368	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	10,467	33	116	87	580
Cattle and calves	4,004	48	120	1,635	3,063
Horses and ponies	439	16	116	329	3,015
Dairy products	392	71	107	1,855	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	339	71	119	1,981	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	9,933	52	120	1,617	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	743	67	116	1,905	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	60	55	116	1,451	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	45	88	1,594	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	44	72	106	2,314	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	19,851	47	120	1,546	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	710	36	119	1,143	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	393	53	119	1,872	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	361	71	118	2,001	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	265	30	117	1,388	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	17,606	48	120	1,153	3,061
Tobacco-acres	3,634	29	116	77	583
Corn for grain-acres	655	86	118	1,982	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	381	59	110	1,551	2,473
Wheat-acres	199	70	97	2,154	2,612

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	251	278	-10
\$10,000 or more	316	379	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	10,622	10,090	5
Average per farmdollars..	18,733	15,358	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,225	6,613	-21
Average per farmdollars..	9,215	10,065	-8
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	476	541	-12
Partnership or corporation	87	112	-22
Other	4	4	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	287	346	-17
Other	280	311	-10
Operators by sex:			
Male	514	597	-14
Female	53	60	-12
Operators by race:			
White	566	657	-14
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	54.0	53.6	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.