

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Shelby, Kentucky

### Number of farms

1,557 farms in 2002, 1,533 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Land in farms

201,667 acres in 2002, 204,292 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

130 acres in 2002, 133 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$45,637,000 in 2002, \$56,575,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$26,169,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$19,467,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

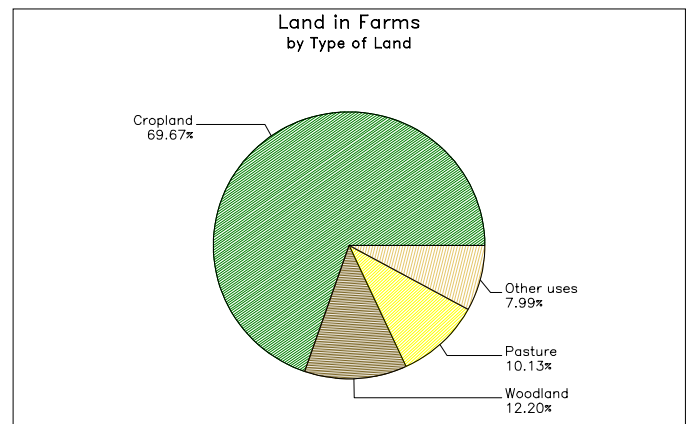
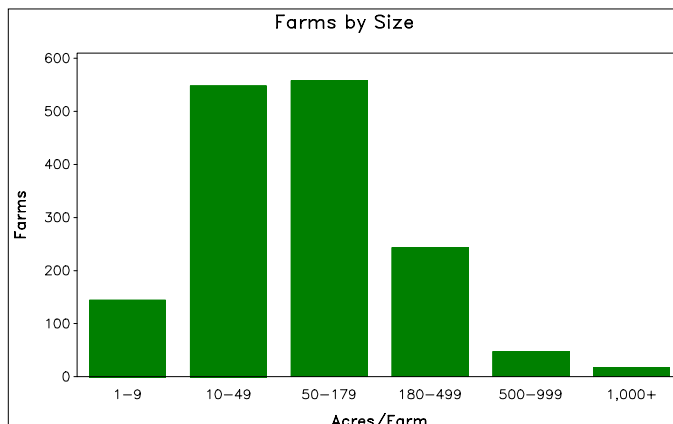
\$29,311 in 2002, \$36,905 in 1997, down 21 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,328,000 in 2002, \$531,000 in 1997, up 150 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,761 in 2002, \$1,684 in 1997, up 183 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 120 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	45,637	19	120	1,271	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	26,169	9	120	972	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	19,467	33	120	1,323	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,650	29	117	1,264	2,871
Tobacco	10,943	2	114	37	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	8,188	1	106	314	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,605	2	120	812	3,046
Poultry and eggs	10	57	115	1,988	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,226	25	120	1,047	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,330	17	106	602	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,155	19	111	840	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	120	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	3,529	10	118	26	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	36,122	27	120	879	3,059
Hogs and pigs	9,470	16	112	734	2,926
Horses and ponies	3,312	7	119	167	3,065
All Goats	1,285	10	119	336	2,971
Bison	(D)	1	30	(D)	1,321
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	46,897	5	120	347	3,059
Soybeans	26,119	20	100	759	2,076
Corn for grain	9,668	28	117	1,069	2,592
All Wheat for grain	5,108	17	101	911	2,517
Corn for silage	3,206	3	106	539	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	310
\$1,000 to \$2,499	233
\$2,500 to \$4,999	160
\$5,000 to \$9,999	257
\$10,000 to \$19,999	210
\$20,000 to \$24,999	66
\$25,000 to \$39,999	111
\$40,000 to \$49,999	36
\$50,000 to \$99,999	71
\$100,000 to \$249,999	61
\$250,000 to \$499,999	30
\$500,000 or more	12
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	41,579
Average per farm (\$)	26,687
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,493
Average per farm (\$)	3,526

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	805
Other	752
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,365
Female	192
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	2,323
Black or African American	32
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	5
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.