

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Laurel, Kentucky

#### Number of farms

1,137 farms in 2002, 1,206 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

#### Land in farms

107,582 acres in 2002, 101,546 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

#### Average size of farm

95 acres in 2002, 84 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$15,716,000 in 2002, \$15,019,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,874,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,842,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

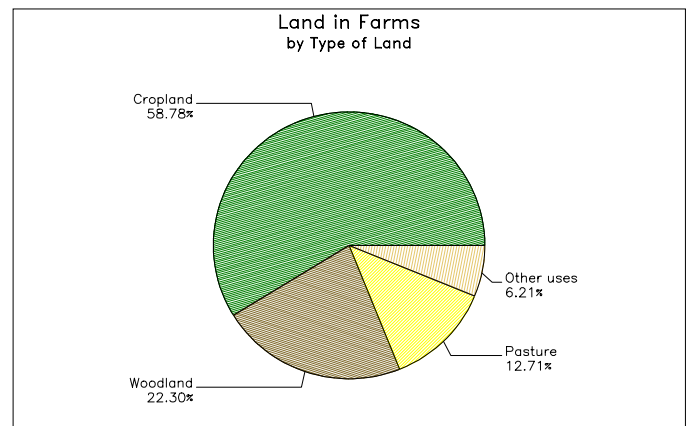
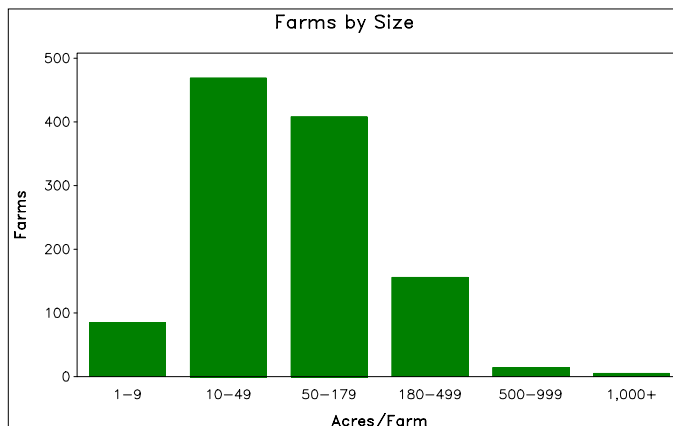
\$13,822 in 2002, \$12,454 in 1997, up 11 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$216,000 in 2002, \$80,000 in 1997, up 170 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,812 in 2002, \$825 in 1997, up 120 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	15,716	65	120	2,249	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,874	59	120	1,897	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,842	61	120	1,974	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	109	87	117	2,363	2,871
Tobacco	3,758	46	114	127	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	56	68	111	1,988	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,100	12	106	777	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	835	34	120	1,426	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5	70	115	2,210	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,125	39	120	1,362	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,259	41	106	1,248	2,493
Hogs and pigs	839	23	111	911	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	58	18	120	1,149	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	541	28	118	339	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	16	33	100	1,624	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	22,683	41	120	1,328	3,059
Hogs and pigs	3,041	27	112	1,019	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,332	36	119	911	3,065
All Goats	945	25	119	513	2,971
Sheep and lambs	389	25	108	1,604	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,558	36	120	811	3,059
Tobacco	1,176	43	114	117	563
Corn for grain	876	75	117	1,830	2,592
Corn for silage	861	35	106	1,170	2,307
Nursery stock	455	3	70	233	2,129

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	185	Farming	607
\$1,000 to \$2,499	281	Other	530
\$2,500 to \$4,999	209		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	172	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	137	Male	996
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Female	141
\$25,000 to \$39,999	60		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	26	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	1,586
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	14,212	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	12,478	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,813	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	3,347	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.