

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Meade, Kentucky

Number of farms

955 farms in 2002, 964 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

134,771 acres in 2002, 129,046 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

141 acres in 2002, 134 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$16,171,000 in 2002, \$19,480,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,876,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,295,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

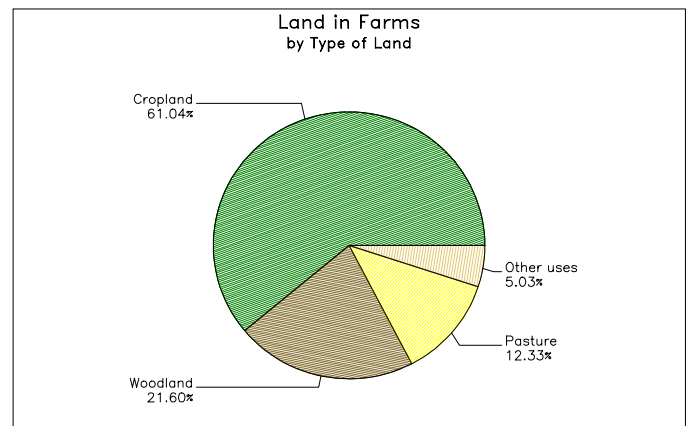
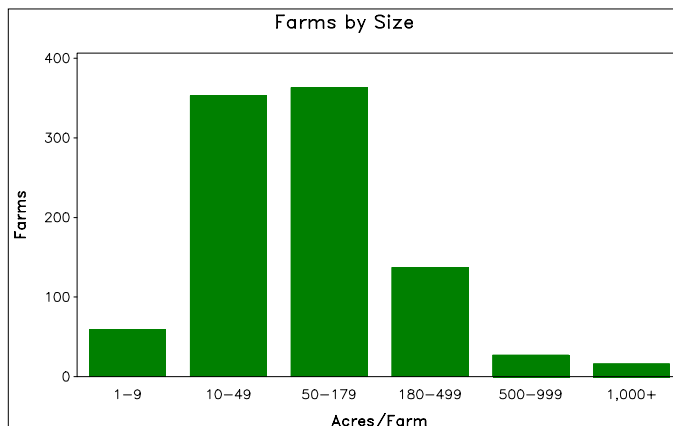
\$16,933 in 2002, \$20,207 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Government Payments

\$869,000 in 2002, \$760,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,749 in 2002, \$2,549 in 1997, up 8 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	16,171	63	120	2,232	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,876	58	120	1,896	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,295	59	120	1,936	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,596	30	117	1,357	2,871
Tobacco	1,658	75	114	213	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	79	52	111	1,829	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	112	71	106	2,048	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,397	9	120	932	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3,601	25	115	688	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,502	46	120	1,600	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	602	58	106	1,576	2,493
Hogs and pigs	230	35	111	1,217	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	22	47	120	1,836	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	329	50	118	657	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	10	42	100	1,834	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	394,672	22	103	416	2,599
Cattle and calves	21,591	43	120	1,377	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,412	34	119	830	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,410	24	119	1,156	2,983
Hogs and pigs	1,342	38	112	1,255	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	25,641	38	120	862	3,059
Soybeans	11,903	31	100	994	2,076
Corn for grain	9,071	30	117	1,087	2,592
All Wheat for grain	2,449	24	101	1,205	2,517
Corn for silage	925	30	106	1,139	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	253	Farming	517
\$1,000 to \$2,499	180	Other	438
\$2,500 to \$4,999	107		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	143	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	123	Male	860
\$20,000 to \$24,999	40	Female	95
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	White	1,295
\$500,000 or more	3	Black or African American	27
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	18,515	American Indian or Alaska Native	16
Average per farm (\$)	19,327	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,183	More than one race	17
Average per farm (\$)	1,235	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	17

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

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.