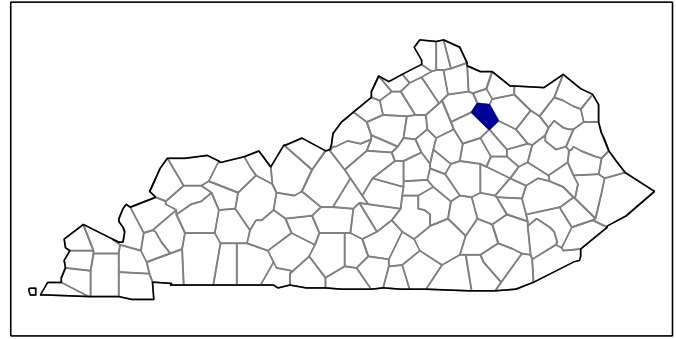




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Number of farms

582 farms in 2002, 602 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

105,524 acres in 2002, 106,012 acres in 1997, down slightly.

Average size of farm

181 acres in 2002, 176 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$11,875,000 in 2002, \$15,626,000 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,106,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,769,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

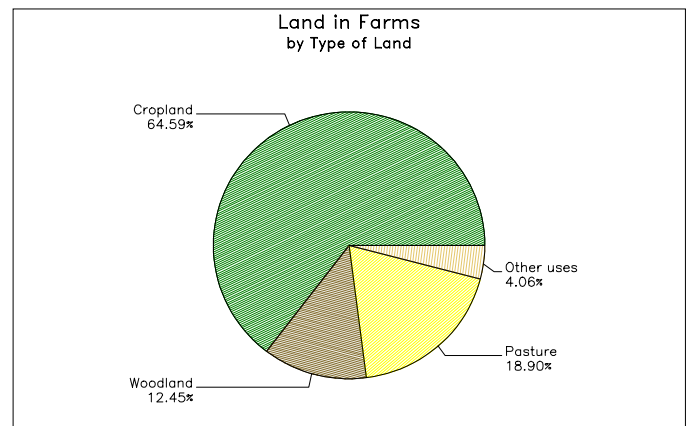
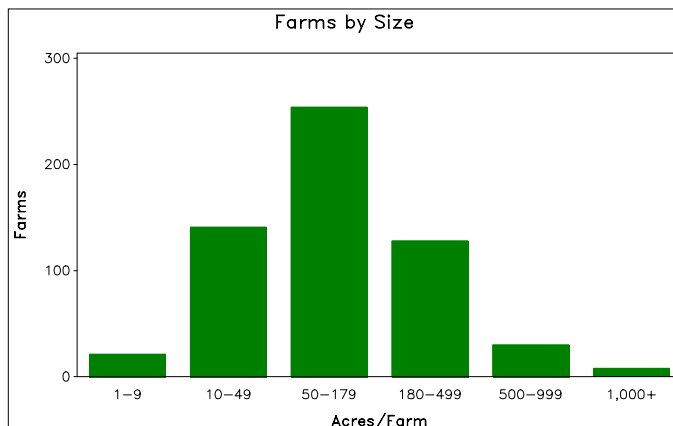
\$20,404 in 2002, \$25,957 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Government Payments

\$216,000 in 2002, \$73,000 in 1997, up 196 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,199 in 2002, \$1,062 in 1997, up 107 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	11,875	72	120	2,418	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,106	64	120	1,974	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,769	69	120	2,255	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	117	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	4,991	31	114	97	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	157	27	111	1,480	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	420	37	106	1,496	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	49	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	350	71	120	2,184	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	115	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,601	45	120	1,585	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	356	66	106	1,798	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	88	120	2,421	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	786	18	118	189	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	7	50	100	1,956	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	22,467	42	120	1,337	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,156	42	119	1,078	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	441	41	103	1,151	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	412	66	119	2,050	2,983
All Goats	232	85	119	1,700	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	26,069	37	120	854	3,059
Tobacco	1,516	26	114	87	563
Corn for grain	678	83	117	1,904	2,592
Corn for silage	389	51	106	1,521	2,307
All Wheat for grain	388	60	101	1,866	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	100	Farming	345
\$1,000 to \$2,499	81	Other	237
\$2,500 to \$4,999	96		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	101	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	71	Male	531
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Female	51
\$25,000 to \$39,999	44		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	White	833
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,529	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	21,417	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	280	Asian	-
Average per farm (\$)	478	More than one race	-
		All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.