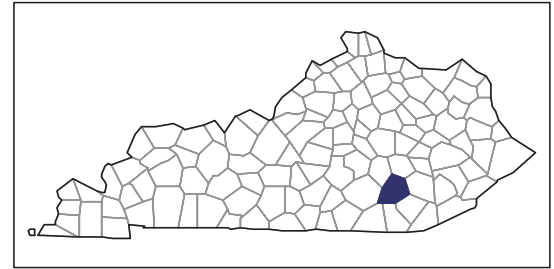


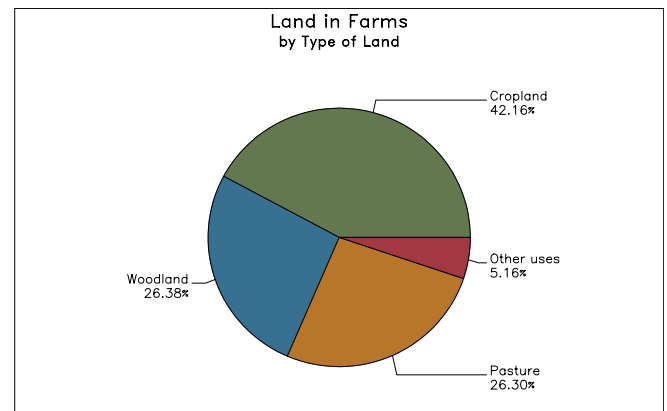
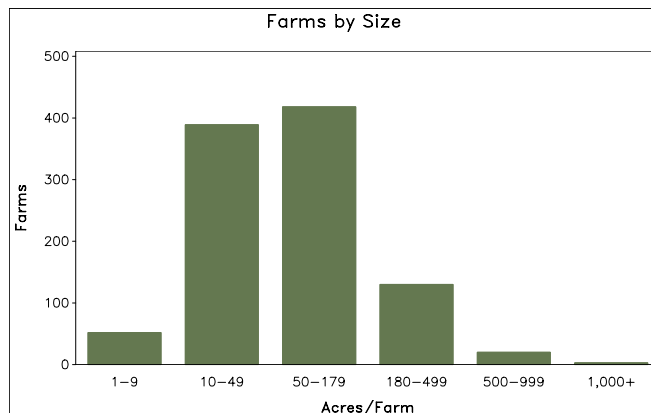
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Laurel County Kentucky

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,012	1,137	- 11
Land in Farms	102,489 acres	107,582 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	101 acres	95 acres	+ 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$14,244,000	\$15,716,000	- 9
Crop Sales \$4,504,000 (32 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$9,740,000 (68 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$14,075	\$13,822	+ 2
Government Payments	\$171,000	\$216,000	- 21
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$1,264	\$1,812	- 30



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County Profile

Laurel County – Kentucky

Ranked items among the 120 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	14,244	70	120	2,439	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,504	74	120	2,291	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,740	64	120	2,064	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	41	101	117	2,603	2,933
Tobacco	928	74	106	195	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	44	76	117	2,168	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	13	47	106	2,138	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,968	12	111	816	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,510	23	120	1,136	3,054
Poultry and eggs	97	48	120	1,436	3,020
Cattle and calves	6,855	48	120	1,492	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,851	31	111	1,120	2,493
Hogs and pigs	515	25	110	1,036	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	51	49	118	1,624	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	356	41	119	679	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	15	39	111	1,891	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,203	36	120	775	3,060
Corn for silage	605	40	106	1,254	2,263
Corn for grain	421	92	117	2,088	2,634
Nursery stock	(D)	2	78	(D)	2,130
Tobacco	361	66	106	177	437
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	18,721	47	120	1,482	3,060
Hogs and pigs	1,888	30	114	1,071	2,958
Horses and ponies	1,564	38	120	819	3,066
Layers	1,279	48	120	1,427	3,024
Goats, all	1,246	22	119	565	3,023

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	363	Farming	350
\$1,000 to \$2,499	118	Other	662
\$2,500 to \$4,999	134	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	155	Male	917
\$10,000 to \$19,999	105	Female	95
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	43	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	4	White	1,372
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	14,612	More than one race	23
Average per farm (\$)	14,439	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	581		
Average per farm (\$)	574		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.