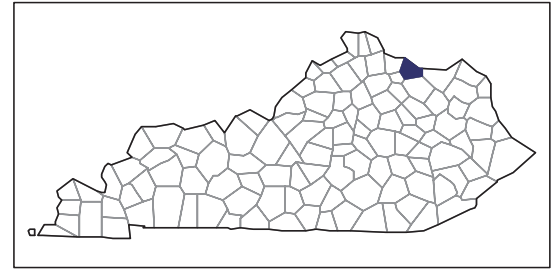


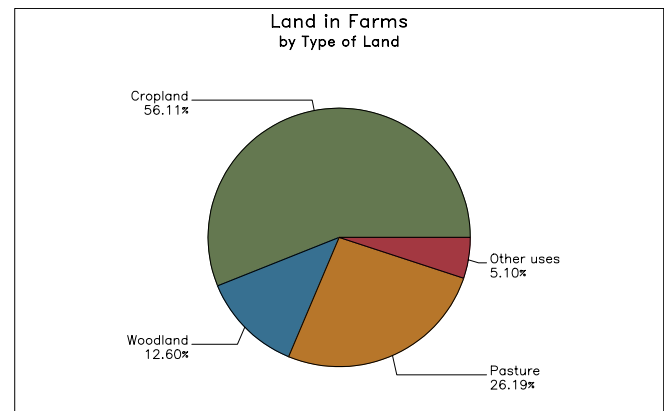
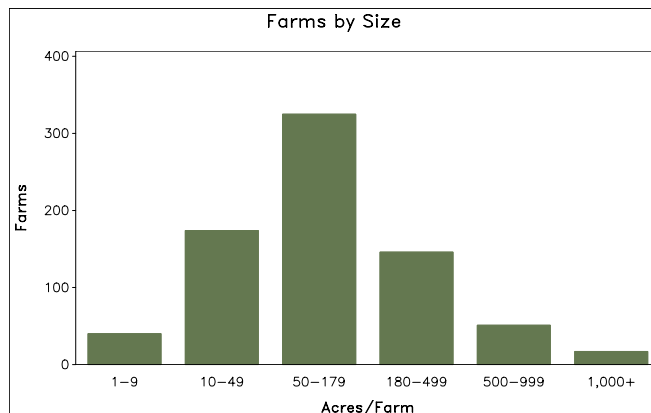
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Mason County Kentucky

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	753	726	+ 4
Land in Farms	139,814 acres	128,123 acres	+ 9
Average Size of Farm	186 acres	176 acres	+ 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$28,422,000	\$22,354,000	+ 27
Crop Sales \$11,238,000 (40 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$17,184,000 (60 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$37,745	\$30,791	+ 23
Government Payments	\$798,000	\$735,000	+ 9
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,549	\$3,570	- 29



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mason 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	28,422	52	120	2,024	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,238	33	120	1,801	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,184	49	120	1,640	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,128	44	117	1,768	2,933
Tobacco	7,426	12	106	46	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	97	53	117	1,863	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	106	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	120	69	111	1,982	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	34	50	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,457	31	120	1,165	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	120	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	10,372	33	120	1,165	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,781	16	111	666	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	42	110	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	330	1	118	392	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	571	31	119	421	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	98	111	2,665	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	39,331	21	120	469	3,060
Corn for grain	4,516	43	117	1,442	2,634
Soybeans for beans	2,742	48	100	1,334	2,039
Tobacco	2,280	7	106	41	437
Corn for silage	2,277	11	106	592	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	35,988	25	120	878	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,382	42	120	954	3,066
Goats, all	760	57	119	1,011	3,023
Layers	615	81	120	2,010	3,024
Sheep and lambs	417	31	114	1,562	2,891

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	159	Farming	343
\$1,000 to \$2,499	55	Other	410
\$2,500 to \$4,999	80	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	104	Male	667
\$10,000 to \$19,999	115	Female	86
\$20,000 to \$24,999	38	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	57	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	52	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	45	Black or African American	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	9	White	1,098
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,533	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	28,596	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,280		
Average per farm (\$)	13,652		

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.