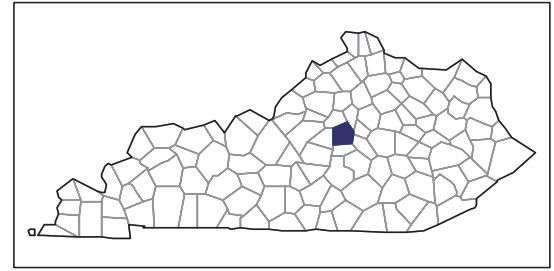


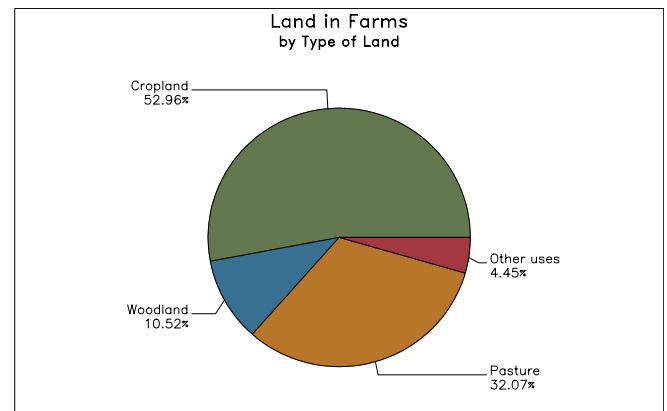
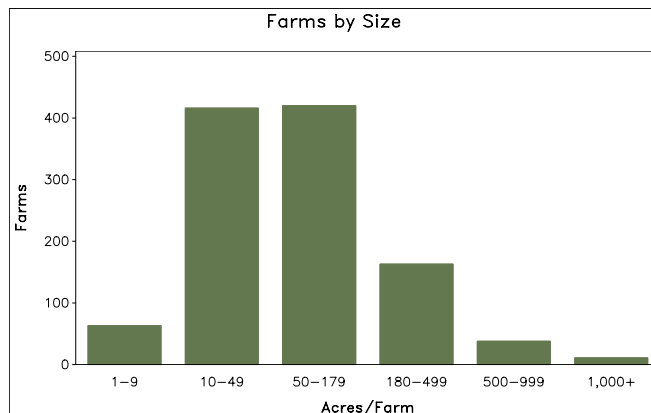
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## County Profile



## Mercer County Kentucky

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,111	1,086	+ 2
<b>Land in Farms</b>	141,437 acres	133,692 acres	+ 6
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	127 acres	123 acres	+ 3
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$43,179,000	\$28,900,000	+ 49
Crop Sales \$5,333,000 (12 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$37,845,000 (88 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$38,865	\$26,611	+ 46
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$1,173,000	\$493,000	+ 138
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,511	\$2,218	+ 103



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### Mercer County – Kentucky

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

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	43,179	35	120	1,693	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,333	70	120	2,211	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	37,845	22	120	992	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	160	91	117	2,390	2,933
Tobacco	3,059	37	106	106	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	163	38	117	1,605	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	17	45	106	2,071	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	460	39	111	1,462	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,475	25	120	1,153	3,054
Poultry and eggs	38	56	120	1,806	3,020
Cattle and calves	28,205	7	120	460	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,998	26	111	925	2,493
Hogs and pigs	73	46	110	1,474	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	252	4	118	506	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	6,253	8	119	22	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	27	31	111	1,642	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	42,424	14	120	409	3,060
Corn for silage	1,380	20	106	831	2,263
Tobacco	901	38	106	107	437
Corn for grain	818	80	117	1,925	2,634
Soybeans for beans	260	83	100	1,770	2,039
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	48,895	10	120	599	3,060
Horses and ponies	3,063	7	120	252	3,066
Goats, all	1,987	7	119	289	3,023
Layers	1,459	40	120	1,314	3,024
Sheep and lambs	896	9	114	988	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	321	Farming	459
\$1,000 to \$2,499	148	Other	652
\$2,500 to \$4,999	120		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	146	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	119	Male	969
\$20,000 to \$24,999	45	Female	142
\$25,000 to \$39,999	66		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	31	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	42		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	33	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	25	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$500,000 or more	15	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,308	Black or African American	6
Average per farm (\$)	40,781	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,646
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,817	More than one race	15
Average per farm (\$)	1,635	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	6

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.

<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.