

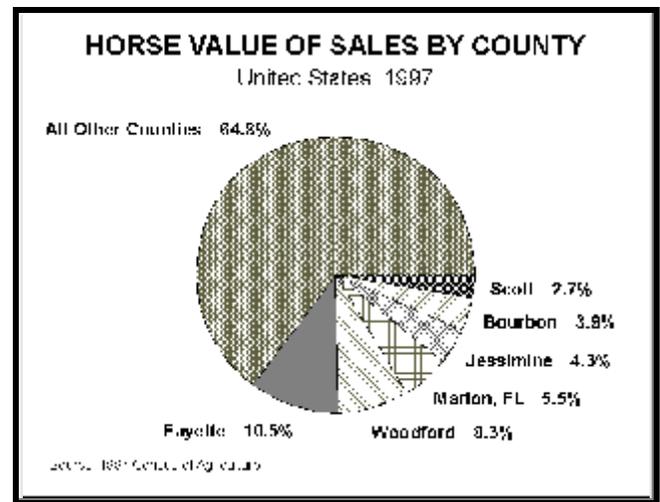
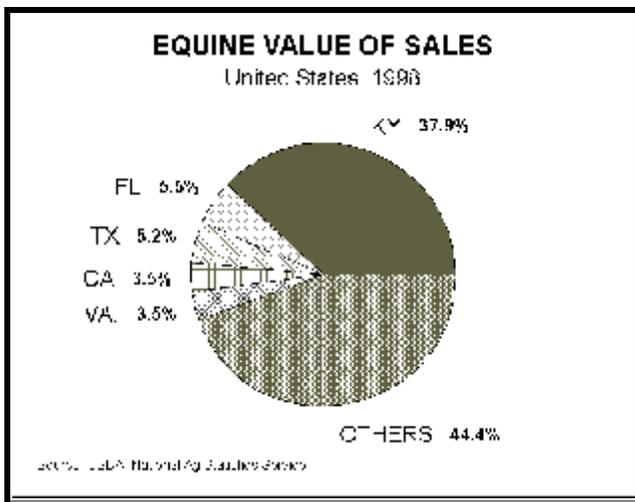
KENTUCKY'S THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY DOMINATES NATION

The value of Kentucky equine ^{1/} sales totaled \$650 million for 1998, up from \$570 million in 1997. The value, dominated by thoroughbreds, accounted for 37 percent of nation's value of sales and ranked first among states according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Florida, with \$111.6 million, ranked second. Texas ranked third with \$90 million, followed by California and Virginia, each with \$60 million. The top 5 states accounted for 55.4 percent of sales in the United States. Preliminary Kentucky 1999 value of sales totaled \$676 million, up \$26 million from 1998.

Kentucky sold 28,000 head of equine during 1998, up slightly from 27,000 in 1997. The January 1, 1999

inventory was 155,000 head, up 3 percent from the previous year.

Horse and pony value of sales is also concentrated within a few counties. According to the 1997 Census of Agriculture, Fayette County accounted for \$107.6 million in sales and was the top ranking county in the nation. Woodford County ranked second in the nation with \$85.2 million followed by Marion County, Florida at \$56.7 million. Jessamine ranked fourth with \$45.3 million followed by Bourbon and Scott with \$39.9 and \$27.9 million, respectively. The Census of Agriculture includes the value of horses and ponies sold from farms only.



^{1/} Equine includes horses, ponies, mules, burros and donkeys.

U. S. EQUINE INVENTORY UP 1.3 PERCENT

Inventory of equine in the United States as of January 1, 1999 totaled 5.32 million head, up 1.3 percent from the 5.25 million head on January 1, 1998. Equine includes horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys. Texas ranked first in equine inventory with 600,000 head followed by California, and Tennessee with 240,000 and 190,000 head, respectively. Florida, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania tied for fourth with an inventory of 170,000 head. Ohio ranked seventh with 160,000 head, followed by Kentucky, Minnesota, New York, and Washington with 155,000 head. An additional fifteen States had equine inventories of 100,000 head or more.

The January 1, 1998 total equine inventory was 5.25 million head. Equine located on farms totaled 3.20

million head. Equine located on non-farm places were 2.05 million head or 39.1 percent of the total.

Equine sold totaled 558,000 head in 1998, an increase of 3.3 percent from the 540,000 head sold in 1997. Texas had the most equine sold in 1998 at 60,000 head followed by Kentucky with 28,000 head, Michigan with 21,000 head, and Florida, Oklahoma, and Tennessee each with 18,000 head.

Value of Sales from equine sold in 1998 was \$1.75 billion, up 6.9 percent from of \$1.64 billion in 1997. The top ten States were Kentucky, Florida, Texas, California, Virginia, New Jersey, Tennessee, New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

EQUINE 1997 - 1998

State	Inventory		Number Sold		Value of Sales	
	Jan 1, 1998	Jan 1, 1999	1997	1998	1997	1998
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		1,000 Dollars	
AL	130.0	130.0	13.0	14.0	18,200	19,600
AK ^{1/}	2.4	2.4	0.1	0.1	176	176
AZ	135.0	135.0	7.0	8.0	14,000	15,000
AR	68.0	70.0	11.0	12.0	12,000	13,000
CA	235.0	240.0	15.0	17.0	55,000	60,000
CO	140.0	145.0	13.0	13.0	21,000	21,000
CT	25.0	26.0	2.0	2.0	10,400	10,400
DE	10.0	10.0	1.0	1.0	4,000	4,000
FL	170.0	170.0	18.0	18.0	108,000	111,600
GA	69.0	70.0	9.0	9.0	20,700	20,700
HI	7.0	7.0	0.4	0.4	800	900
ID	145.0	145.0	11.0	12.0	14,500	15,000
IL	99.0	100.0	12.0	13.0	18,000	19,000
IN	140.0	140.0	14.0	15.0	21,000	22,000
IA	99.0	100.0	11.0	11.0	16,000	16,000
KS	104.0	105.0	10.0	11.0	19,000	21,000
KY	150.0	155.0	27.0	28.0	570,000	650,000
LA	65.0	65.0	12.0	12.0	15,000	15,000
ME	16.0	17.0	1.0	1.0	1,600	1,600
MD	45.0	45.0	4.0	4.0	40,000	40,000
MA	35.0	35.0	2.0	2.0	4,000	4,000
MI	130.0	130.0	20.0	21.0	34,000	36,000
MN	155.0	155.0	14.0	15.0	17,000	18,000
MS	74.0	75.0	7.0	7.0	9,000	9,000
MO	140.0	140.0	16.0	16.0	24,000	24,000
MT	130.0	130.0	12.0	12.0	12,000	12,000
NE	74.0	75.0	8.0	8.0	9,600	9,800
NV	70.0	70.0	7.0	7.0	10,500	10,000
NH	7.0	8.0	0.5	0.5	1,200	1,200
NJ	45.0	45.0	12.0	13.0	55,000	58,500
NM	64.0	65.0	5.0	5.0	9,000	9,000
NY	157.0	155.0	15.0	15.0	45,000	45,000
NC	138.0	140.0	10.0	10.0	30,000	30,000
ND	40.0	40.0	6.0	6.0	5,400	5,400
OH	155.0	160.0	15.0	15.0	27,000	27,000
OK	165.0	170.0	18.0	18.0	30,000	30,000
OR	120.0	120.0	11.0	10.0	15,000	14,000
PA	165.0	170.0	15.0	15.0	44,000	44,000
RI	2.0	2.0	0.1	0.1	620	620
SC	64.0	65.0	4.5	5.5	9,000	9,400
SD	74.0	75.0	10.0	11.0	11,000	12,000
TN	185.0	190.0	19.0	18.0	49,400	48,600
TX	595.0	600.0	58.0	60.0	86,000	90,000
UT	74.0	75.0	9.0	10.0	10,800	12,000
VT	19.0	20.0	2.0	2.0	3,000	3,000
VA	145.0	150.0	12.0	12.0	58,000	60,000
WA	155.0	155.0	13.0	14.0	16,800	18,000
WV	43.0	43.0	8.0	8.0	11,000	11,000
WI	115.0	120.0	14.0	15.0	18,500	20,200
WY	61.0	62.0	5.0	5.0	6,000	6,300
US	5,250.4	5,317.4	539.6	557.6	1,641,196	1,753,996

^{1/}On-farm data only from the 1997 Census of Agriculture.