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The Kentucky Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture is pleased to present this edition of current and historical agricultural information for Kentucky's leading industry. There are many changes taking place in today's agriculture across the Commonwealth and the statistical series in this document track these developments.

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CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE FARMS: NUMBER, ACRES, VALUE AND LAND USE, 1909-2007 ^{1/}

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms (Acres)	Avg Size of Farm (Acres)	Avg Value of Land & Buildings per Acre (Dollars)	Land Use (Acres)						
					Cropland			Other		Woodland	
					Harvested	Not Harvested	Pasture ^{2/}	Pasture ^{2/}	Other Land	Pasture	Other
1909	1,349	97,956	73	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,664	91,742	55	27	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,541	63,489	41	41	12,692	5,450	6,970	3,515	5,201	5,829	23,832
1929	1,302	59,591	46	37	10,599	6,289	7,695	1,726	3,574	2,277	27,431
1934	2,466	75,872	31	25	15,809	7,843	7,002	1,458	5,768	8,482	29,510
1939	1,385	55,270	40	30	10,092	4,735	6,619	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,248	39,291	32	63	8,536	3,130	5,581	842	641	772	19,789
1949	1,364	46,690	34	69	5,872	3,795	4,412	1,641	6,406	4,323	20,241
1954	1,034	44,827	43	76	4,867	4,207	3,345	2,064	1,403	2,698	26,243
1959	306	16,410	54	114	2,010	826	2,935	125	849	1,925	7,740
1964	155	11,685	75	132	1,187	1,043	1,692	124	319	702	6,613
1969	91	7,021	77	178	802	303	1,564	NA	509 ^{3/}	NA	3,843 ^{4/}
1974	66	4,378	66	465	649	157	894	NA	528 ^{3/}	NA	2,150 ^{4/}
1978	52	4,737	91	623	768	153	836	265	777	507	1,431
1982	56	4,071	73	1,364	649	186	735	504	271	165	1,561
1987	60	5,041	84	897	880	366	1,216	193	179	234	1,973
1992	61	5,419	89	1,049	619	448	1,742	230	642	484	1,254
^{5/} 1997	67	4,862	73	1,793	670	476	714	396	524	543	1,539
^{5/} 2002	63	6,900	110	1,326	1,117	2,051	(D)	460	474	(D)	(D)
^{5/} 2007	69	10,194	148	1,937	1,642	400	2,043	647	455	737	4,270

^{1/}Due to changes in the definition of a farm, Farm Numbers and Land in Farms are not always comparable from Census to Census. ^{2/}Due to changes in definition and wording of question, figures for Cropland Pasture and Other Pasture are not always comparable from Census to Census. ^{3/}Includes Other Pasture. ^{4/}Includes Woodland Pasture. ^{5/}1997-2002 data adjusted for coverage. (NA)Data Not Available. (-)Zero.

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE NUMBER OF FARMS, BY SIZE, GROUP, 1909-2007

Year	Size of Farm (Acres)									All Farms
	1 - 9	10-49	50-179	180-499	500-999	1,000-1,999	2000+	50-174 ^{1/}	175-499 ^{1/}	
1909	235	509	471	119	12	3	NA			1,349
1919	393	688	471	97	15	-	NA			1,664
1924	515	671	293	51	9	2	NA			1,541
1929	285	633	332	44	7	1	NA			1,302
1934	1,100	1,034	287	36	6	3	NA			2,466
1939	445	621	275	35	9	-	NA			1,385
1944	439	591	190	25	3	-	NA			1,248
1949	497	602	232	28	5	-	NA			1,364
1954	360	459	175	27	9	4	NA			1,034
1959	40	166	85	11	4	-	NA			306
1964	10	77	56	7	5	-	-			155
1969	5	46	31	8	-	1	-			91
1974	6	38	19	2	-	1	-			66
1978	3	14	28	7	-	-	-			52
1982	6	23	22	5	-	-	-			56
1987	1	22	31	6	-	-	-			60
1992	2	19	29	11	-	-	-			61
^{3/} 1997	4	25	30	8	-	-	-			67
^{3/} 2002	4	17	32	8	2	-	-			63
^{3/} 2007	3	25	22	15	3	1	-			69

^{1/}1909-1929. ^{2/}1909-1959. ^{3/}1997-2007 data adjusted for coverage. (NA)Data Not Available. (-)Zero.

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD, 1978-2007

	1978	1982	1987	1992	1997 ^{3/}	2002 ^{3/}	2007 ^{3/}
(Thousand Dollars)							
Value of sales	234	325	339	192	143	216	278
a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse ^{1/}	32	51	106	23	36	60	115
Grains, oilseeds.....	D	6	8	D	NA	(D)	(D)
Tobacco.....	13	28	21	D	-	-	-
Hay and other crops.....	9	10	22	10	NA	6	68
b. Livestock, poultry and their products ^{2/}	202	274	234	169	107	155	163
Poultry and eggs.....	D	1	D	-	D	(D)	2
Milk and Other Dairy products.....	D	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Cattle & Calves.....	101	200	124	152	103	(D)	133
Hogs & Pigs.....	95	70	102	D	D	-	(D)

^{1/}Includes a value of crops not listed. ^{2/}Includes values of other livestock and livestock products not listed. ^{3/}1997-2007 data adjusted for coverage. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms (NA) Data not available.

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE TOTAL & SPECIFIED FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES, 1939-2007

Year	Total	Feed Purchased	Livestock and Poultry Purchased	Hired Labor	Petroleum Products and Utilities	Seed, Plants, Vines, and Trees	Fertilizer, Lime, Soil Conditioners and Chemicals Purchased ^{1/}
(Dollars)							
1939	NA	37,219	NA	14,508	2,515	NA	3,702
1944	NA	123,833	NA	22,159	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	140,600	22,000	18,725	24,800	20,430	NA
1954	NA	96,270	NA	11,342	10,014	NA	17,425
1959	NA	31,890	3,240	33,200	10,295	1,865	NA
1964	NA	16,780	7,330	3,895	10,728	4,601	6,041
1969	116,000	33,026	20,994	3,759	7,706	3,252	11,754
1974	123,000	32,000	33,000	4,000	NA	3,000	15,000
1978	NA	36,000	10,000	9,000	16,000	6,000	22,000
1987	260,000	41,000	33,000	16,000	29,000	6,000	19,000
1992	230,000	39,000	47,000	7,000	24,000	2,000	12,000
^{2/} 1997	188,000	32,000	10,000	8,000	19,000 ^{3/}	2,000	14,000 ^{4/}
^{2/} 2002	335,000	38,000	29,000	7,000	42,000	13,000	18,000
^{2/} 2007	614,000	53,000	31,000	11,000	90,000	12,000	41,000

^{1/}1987 - 2007 includes cost of custom applications. ^{2/}1997-2007 data adjusted for coverage. ^{3/}1997 does not include utilities. ^{4/}1997 does not include lime nor manure. (NA)Data Not Available. (D)Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE OCCUPATION AND AGE, 1987 - 2007

Operators by	1987	1992	1997 ^{1/}	2002 ^{1/}	2007 ^{1/}
Principal occupation					
Farming.....	15	15	13	23	28
Other.....	45	46	54	40	41
Age group					
Under 25 Years.....	1	-	2	2	1
25 to 34 Years.....	4	2	4	1	4
35 to 44 Years.....	20	17	14	4	14
45 to 54 Years.....	20	18	17	26	14
55 to 64 Years.....	7	16	11	17	29
65 and over.....	8	8	19	13	7
Average Age.....	48.3	51.6	54.5	55	52.8

^{1/}1997-2007 data adjusted for coverage.



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