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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 <sup>1/</sup>

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 <sup>2/</sup>	Pasture <sup>2/</sup>	Other Land	Pasture	Other	
1909	1,899	122,451	64	45	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,812	122,800	68	99	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,890	125,983	67	73	27,464	7,160	74,840	2,934	4,433	8,105	1,047	
1929	1,796	121,638	68	67	27,553	6,228	47,984	26,427	3,144	9,042	1,260	
1934	1,651	124,683	76	41	28,139	7,345	48,047	8,671	6,488	23,577	2,416	
1939	1,370	125,761	92	55	24,354	3,653	75,471	NA	NA	NA	NA	
1944	1,480	123,280	83	65	27,678	6,357	33,995	28,957	8,045	15,582	2,666	
1949	1,364	126,565	93	88	25,105	5,252	42,152	30,820	8,010	11,980	3,246	
1954	1,303	120,652	93	112	23,140	3,668	54,757	13,036	6,936	15,706	3,409	
1959	1,033	119,803	116	141	19,069	3,813	46,626	20,202	5,072	19,814	5,207	
1964	914	117,585	129	174	17,605	10,201	48,311	12,638	6,523	17,335	4,947	
1969	890	110,694	124	216	13,642	9,395	44,039	NA	22,120 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	21,498 <sup>4/</sup>	
1974	798	105,533	132	352	15,478	6,715	41,917	NA	23,894 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	17,529 <sup>4/</sup>	
1978	803	113,498	141	565	17,818	9,462	41,898	15,130	6,327	12,818	10,045	
1982	752	108,813	145	613	18,494	6,826	37,266	12,218	7,856	14,030	12,123	
1987	734	109,260	149	609	19,101	9,354	34,482	16,367	6,015	11,861	12,080	
1992	703	99,009	141	895	18,398	8,130	27,258	16,550	5,267	11,650	11,756	
<sup>5/</sup> 1997	701	94,588	135	1,122	21,387	6,263	26,975	12,915	5,610	9,771	11,667	
<sup>5/</sup> 2002	639	94,393	148	1,534	22,716	7,256	20,278	15,137	6,694	9,068	13,244	
<sup>5/</sup> 2007	618	100,660	163	2,053	24,547	4,928	13,605	25,547	4,846	10,740	16,447	

<sup>1/</sup>Due to changes in the definition of a farm, Farm Numbers and Land in Farms are not always comparable from Census to Census. <sup>2/</sup>Due to changes in definition and wording of question, figures for Cropland Pasture and Other Pasture are not always comparable from Census to Census. <sup>3/</sup>Includes Other Pasture. <sup>4/</sup>Includes Woodland Pasture. <sup>5/</sup>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+	1,000-OVER <sup>2/</sup>	2000+	
1909	276	682	838	98	5	-	NA	-	1,899	
1919	185	622	910	95	-	-	NA	-	1,812	
1924	189	661	947	92	1	-	NA	-	1,890	
1929	224	572	893	106	1	-	NA	-	1,796	
1934	135	476	953	86	1	-	NA	-	1,651	
1939	45	260	956	107	2	-	NA	-	1,370	
1944	193	278	888	119	2	-	NA	-	1,480	
1949	120	229	889	125	1	-	NA	-	1,364	
1954	175	193	798	135	2	-	NA	-	1,303	
1959	95	97	664	174	3	-	NA	-	1,033	
1964	81	83	550	192	8	-	-	-	914	
1969	95	109	490	183	12	1	-	-	890	
1974	91	96	419	176	15	1	-	-	798	
1978	101	86	410	190	13	2	1	-	803	
1982	91	92	354	193	19	3	-	-	752	
1987	85	90	353	182	21	3	-	-	734	
1992	80	120	305	182	13	2	1	-	703	
<sup>3/</sup> 1997	49	146	335	151	16	4	-	-	701	
<sup>3/</sup> 2002	54	121	295	145	20	2	2	-	639	
<sup>3/</sup> 2007	20	130	283	153	27	5	-	-	618	

<sup>1/</sup>1909-1929. <sup>2/</sup>1909-1959. <sup>3/</sup>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 <sup>3/</sup>	2002 <sup>3/</sup>	2007 <sup>3/</sup>
	(Thousand Dollars)						
Value of sales	12,254	17,035	12,294	17,557	17,543	10,357	10,490
a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse <sup>1/</sup>	8,095	11,966	6,815	12,346	13,946	6,008	5,508
Grains, oilseeds.....	134	165	104	108	NA	86	453
Tobacco.....	7,633	11,504	6,281	11,758	13,219	5,339	3,873
Hay and other crops.....	314	267	369	420	NA	435	963
b. Livestock, poultry and their products <sup>2/</sup>	4,160	5,069	5,479	5,211	3,597	4,349	4,982
Poultry and eggs.....	4	8	3	D	Z	8	20
Milk and Other Dairy products.....	2,399	2,977	2,819	2,850	1,541	1,563	1,127
Cattle & Calves.....	1,652	1,996	2,495	2,182	1,978	2,610	3,384
Hogs & Pigs.....	94	D	132	163	D	50	65

<sup>1/</sup>Includes a value of crops not listed. <sup>2/</sup>Includes values of other livestock and livestock products not listed. <sup>3/</sup>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 <sup>1/</sup>
	(Dollars)						
1939	NA	42,775	NA	47,194	6,801	NA	15,144
1944	NA	250,710	NA	129,625	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	280,045	213,575	191,450	82,305	72,870	NA
1954	NA	337,300	NA	218,820	118,845	NA	231,485
1959	NA	327,190	114,550	198,595	164,015	28,585	NA
1964	NA	495,985	69,259	233,655	210,265	59,173	229,735
1969	3,332,000	547,780	254,447	371,483	257,965	39,515	292,557
1974	5,208,000	1,238,000	205,000	415,000	NA	57,000	698,000
1978	NA	1,200,000	209,000	797,000	776,000	71,000	504,000
1987	7,658,000	1,160,000	415,000	755,000	823,000	120,000	746,000
1992	9,660,000	1,238,000	483,000	1,602,000	872,000	213,000	1,208,000
<sup>2/</sup> 1997	10,109,000	893,000	245,000	1,500,000	790,000 <sup>3/</sup>	426,000	1,096,000 <sup>4/</sup>
<sup>2/</sup> 2002	7,728,000	863,000	271,000	485,000	711,000	159,000	695,000
<sup>2/</sup> 2007	9,776,000	1,032,000	463,000	691,000	1,423,000	226,000	1,157,000

<sup>1/</sup>1987 - 2007 includes cost of custom applications. <sup>2/</sup>1997-2007 data adjusted for coverage. <sup>3/</sup>1997 does not include utilities. <sup>4/</sup>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 <sup>1/</sup>	2002 <sup>1/</sup>	2007 <sup>1/</sup>
Principal occupation					
Farming.....	398	376	294	356	236
Other.....	336	327	407	283	382
Age group					
Under 25 Years.....	20	12	16	8	-
25 to 34 Years.....	60	71	64	41	27
35 to 44 Years.....	154	121	116	98	112
45 to 54 Years.....	156	154	173	173	152
55 to 64 Years.....	159	162	163	149	172
65 and over.....	185	183	169	170	155
Average Age.....	53.1	53.8	53.3	55	55.7

<sup>1/</sup>1997-2007 data adjusted for coverage.



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