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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						
					Cropland			Other		Woodland	
					Harvested	Not Harvested	Pasture <sup>2/</sup>	Pasture <sup>2/</sup>	Other Land	Pasture	Other
1909	2,607	192,849	74	57	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,424	174,584	72	136	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,486	172,798	70	78	40,489	2,108	102,271	6,518	5,193	14,661	1,558
1929	2,614	199,796	76	83	44,724	4,920	90,532	43,096	7,271	8,395	858
1934	2,512	194,750	78	55	43,721	1,062	99,183	18,882	9,766	20,747	1,389
1939	2,568	189,642	74	76	38,678	3,212	102,169	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	2,512	188,259	75	96	42,906	2,579	53,382	61,108	12,166	13,656	2,462
1949	2,011	197,964	98	133	38,197	4,165	97,580	24,257	9,990	19,599	4,176
1954	1,901	183,934	97	126	33,130	3,304	63,565	51,611	7,920	21,037	3,367
1959	1,624	188,718	116	207	34,198	5,466	89,357	34,649	8,608	13,203	3,237
1964	1,468	184,595	126	220	29,887	5,328	95,954	28,982	6,295	15,480	2,641
1969	1,427	188,229	132	272	30,041	7,785	92,013	NA	36,540 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	21,850 <sup>4/</sup>
1974	1,248	173,547	139	461	31,177	5,242	75,914	NA	42,320 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	18,894 <sup>4/</sup>
1978	1,270	181,185	143	858	38,984	7,494	82,730	19,107	9,399	15,578	7,893
1982	1,253	181,604	145	1,094	44,181	10,034	70,205	21,897	11,163	12,408	11,716
1987	1,175	182,619	155	853	43,548	11,176	70,612	22,835	8,895	14,898	10,655
1992	1,164	178,217	153	1,043	43,006	11,556	64,326	26,768	6,947	13,035	12,579
<sup>5/</sup> 1997	1,168	173,564	149	1,444	46,063	9,257	60,241	25,766	8,420	11,655	12,162
<sup>5/</sup> 2002	1,085	158,980	147	1,867	47,077	7,397	48,347	26,336	9,550	9,980	10,293
<sup>5/</sup> 2007	1,083	161,777	149	2,683	50,082	5,562	19,051	54,512	8,334	10,544	13,692

<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>	
1909	272	1,028	1,087	204	15	1	NA	2,607	
1919	264	873	1,098	182	7	-	NA	2,424	
1924	332	891	1,077	175	11	-	NA	2,486	
1929	430	869	1,086	214	12	3	NA	2,614	
1934	427	759	1,087	222	14	3	NA	2,512	
1939	579	662	1,097	218	11	1	NA	2,568	
1944	477	718	1,087	221	7	2	NA	2,512	
1949	232	470	1,036	256	12	5	NA	2,011	
1954	327	376	926	251	18	3	NA	1,901	
1959	200	282	840	279	19	4	NA	1,624	
1964	193	216	739	294	23	3	-	1,468	
1969	201	204	677	318	22	5	-	1,427	
1974	129	186	627	267	35	4	-	1,248	
1978	131	187	623	297	26	5	1	1,270	
1982	126	212	591	279	37	7	1	1,253	
1987	103	185	568	260	50	9	-	1,175	
1992	114	229	536	228	48	8	1	1,164	
<sup>3/</sup> 1997	81	263	548	218	48	9	1	1,168	
<sup>3/</sup> 2002	52	281	516	180	44	12	-	1,085	
<sup>3/</sup> 2007	39	299	459	235	43	8	-	1,083	

<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	21,303	30,369	21,882	33,224	29,071	21,041	24,021
<b>a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse <sup>1/</sup></b>	12,259	21,087	11,382	21,222	20,562	10,756	11,052
Grains, oilseeds.....	691	1,147	519	954	NA	714	1,187
Tobacco.....	11,083	19,427	10,140	19,193	18,617	8,331	7,394
Hay and other crops.....	453	437	503	861	NA	1,180	1,620
<b>b. Livestock, poultry and their products <sup>2/</sup></b>	9,044	9,282	10,500	12,002	8,509	10,286	12,969
Poultry and eggs.....	4	5	9	48	54	(D)	(D)
Milk and Other Dairy products.....	1,057	1,736	1,631	914	536	829	526
Cattle & Calves.....	6,761	6,605	7,775	10,342	7,262	8,639	11,163
Hogs & Pigs.....	1,086	593	549	439	338	(D)	(D)

<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	94,621	NA	157,483	46,567	NA	25,376
1944	NA	422,422	NA	411,946	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	495,565	723,600	609,226	205,955	115,970	NA
1954	NA	637,890	NA	585,731	304,000	NA	371,830
1959	NA	758,795	906,615	591,110	348,965	52,790	NA
1964	NA	642,575	911,335	523,725	394,465	102,635	373,085
1969	6,479,000	704,549	1,368,203	817,332	450,348	74,630	520,711
1974	8,528,000	1,008,000	1,181,000	842,000	NA	108,000	996,000
1978	NA	1,227,000	2,088,000	1,347,000	1,128,000	168,000	825,000
1982	NA	1,526,000	1,437,000	2,646,000	2,106,000	441,000	1,133,000
1987	14,271,000	1,509,000	1,787,000	1,223,000	1,357,000	355,000	1,279,000
1992	20,070,000	1,502,000	3,353,000	2,195,000	1,631,000	519,000	1,618,000
<sup>2/</sup> 1997	17,981,000	1,422,000	1,160,000	1,892,000	1,465,000 <sup>3/</sup>	638,000	1,948,000 <sup>4/</sup>
<sup>2/</sup> 2002	16,197,000	1,686,000	1,135,000	1,275,000	1,645,000	304,000	1,532,000
<sup>2/</sup> 2007	21,960,000	2,882,000	1,398,000	2,353,000	2,922,000	556,000	2,036,000

<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>
<b>Principal occupation</b>					
Farming.....	574	573	522	623	480
Other.....	601	591	646	462	603
<b>Age group</b>					
Under 25 Years.....	23	24	23	23	10
25 to 34 Years.....	111	102	89	61	63
35 to 44 Years.....	228	216	212	174	158
45 to 54 Years.....	264	260	279	282	255
55 to 64 Years.....	274	226	236	249	308
65 and over.....	275	336	329	296	289
Average Age.....	52.8	54.1	54.6	55.3	55.5

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



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