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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	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	2,780	188,248	68	13	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,937	190,055	65	21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,809	167,175	60	20	49,452	10,232	23,492	9,689	24,717	4,984	44,609	
1929	2,892	162,313	56	29	48,925	12,785	30,333	7,673	16,065	10,338	36,194	
1934	3,431	171,631	50	21	45,829	17,363	32,169	9,590	14,693	8,765	43,222	
1939	3,631	172,237	47	29	51,665	10,801	35,063	NA	NA	NA	NA	
1944	3,429	152,897	45	49	46,246	10,975	32,670	17,081	6,642	6,257	33,026	
1949	3,178	166,337	52	86	42,921	21,166	36,069	10,442	10,224	9,135	36,380	
1954	3,008	150,489	50	88	35,319	16,150	40,995	5,868	5,645	12,425	34,087	
1959	2,505	152,451	61	117	31,302	14,841	30,597	15,050	10,148	10,920	39,593	
1964	2,059	138,425	67	192	25,734	12,712	33,819	11,679	8,952	11,397	34,127	
1969	1,706	118,250	69	285	16,019	9,325	35,467	NA	19,521 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	37,918 <sup>4/</sup>	
1974	1,425	105,040	74	528	17,564	5,827	36,848	NA	15,602 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	29,199 <sup>4/</sup>	
1978	1,486	113,560	76	1,006	18,510	13,511	30,280	6,997	8,112	12,599	23,551	
1982	1,393	105,374	76	1,153	19,241	9,928	27,268	6,289	10,780	8,006	23,862	
1987	1,305	102,078	78	1,104	20,829	10,403	27,218	8,735	7,343	7,905	19,645	
1992	1,252	99,527	79	1,261	21,637	10,539	29,832	4,057	5,322	8,046	20,094	
<sup>5/</sup> 1997	1,206	101,546	84	2,213	23,052	6,637	28,364	7,070	5,928	9,117	21,378	
<sup>5/</sup> 2002	1,137	107,582	95	2,305	30,858	5,817	26,563	13,675	6,681	6,742	17,246	
<sup>5/</sup> 2007	1,012	102,489	101	2,854	28,692	5,672	8,841	26,954	5,290	6,433	20,607	

<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	338	1,031	1,223	174	13	1	NA	2,780	
1919	248	1,195	1,365	117	10	2	NA	2,937	
1924	236	1,246	1,216	104	5	2	NA	2,809	
1929	285	1,253	1,263	88	2	1	NA	2,892	
1934	533	1,543	1,264	87	2	2	NA	3,431	
1939	612	1,655	1,291	71	1	1	NA	3,631	
1944	711	1,490	1,178	49	1	-	NA	3,429	
1949	421	1,424	1,250	81	2	-	NA	3,178	
1954	454	1,413	1,061	75	5	-	NA	3,008	
1959	210	1,152	1,032	104	5	2	NA	2,505	
1964	189	859	887	116	7	1	-	2,059	
1969	182	666	738	111	9	-	-	1,706	
1974	142	521	649	105	8	-	-	1,425	
1978	169	562	609	133	13	-	-	1,486	
1982	184	529	550	113	16	1	-	1,393	
1987	168	491	495	135	15	1	-	1,305	
1992	190	461	468	114	18	1	-	1,252	
<sup>3/</sup> 1997	114	485	466	125	11	5	-	1,206	
<sup>3/</sup> 2002	85	469	408	156	14	5	-	1,137	
<sup>3/</sup> 2007	52	389	418	130	20	3	-	1,012	

<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	11,209	12,902	11,283	15,101	15,019	15,716	14,244
a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse <sup>1/</sup>	5,535	7,774	5,764	9,422	9,144	6,874	4,504
Grains, oilseeds.....	140	266	231	192	NA	109	41
Tobacco.....	4,778	6,791	4,750	7,550	7,133	3,758	928
Hay and other crops.....	430	304	312	567	NA	835	1,510
b. Livestock, poultry and their products <sup>2/</sup>	5,674	5,128	5,519	5,679	5,876	8,842	9,740
Poultry and eggs.....	1,332	253	124	D	D	5	97
Milk and Other Dairy products .....	1,260	1,551	1,663	1,346	1,103	1,259	1,851
Cattle & Calves .....	2,926	2,982	3,491	4,101	4,255	6,125	6,855
Hogs & Pigs .....	103	272	168	180	D	839	515

<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	97,771	NA	51,088	NA	NA	65,568
1944	NA	313,687	NA	89,365	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	407,880	177,965	148,835	38,520	106,080	NA
1954	NA	460,815	NA	79,920	75,005	NA	315,120
1959	NA	771,860	366,085	160,510	169,810	71,145	NA
1964	NA	1,447,650	510,555	266,805	187,225	97,428	332,865
1969	4,002,000	1,045,716	838,080	314,818	243,743	65,130	387,224
1974	6,342,000	2,091,000	968,000	321,000	NA	95,000	701,000
1978	NA	1,621,000	1,962,000	818,000	654,000	119,000	754,000
1982	NA	1,233,000	1,872,000	1,001,000	894,000	118,000	590,000
1987	8,754,000	1,008,000	1,061,000	944,000	748,000	173,000	1,104,000
1992	10,276,000	1,031,000	1,178,000	763,000	929,000	216,000	1,327,000
<sup>2/</sup> 1997	9,087,000	613,000	827,000	1,006,000	665,000 <sup>3/</sup>	299,000	1,018,000 <sup>4/</sup>
<sup>2/</sup> 2002	14,212,000	2,887,000	2,070,000	656,000	1,119,000	374,000	1,261,000
<sup>2/</sup> 2007	14,612,000	2,806,000	964,000	1,100,000	1,699,000	196,000	1,504,000

<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 .....	453	463	414	607	350
Other .....	852	789	792	530	662
Age group					
Under 25 Years.....	24	17	8	2	2
25 to 34 Years.....	103	98	77	39	44
35 to 44 Years.....	280	252	198	170	111
45 to 54 Years.....	287	271	330	290	218
55 to 64 Years.....	281	244	271	304	298
65 and over .....	330	370	322	332	339
Average Age.....	53.4	54.7	55.3	56.8	58.1

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



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