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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	1,228	86,419	70	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,084	91,799	85	17	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,208	86,111	71	18	13,950	2,408	17,658	2,793	4,387	3,286	41,629	
1929	1,288	78,198	61	22	14,680	8,308	16,055	1,574	3,922	6,529	27,130	
1934	1,321	82,053	62	13	14,583	4,689	15,129	1,706	3,399	13,024	29,523	
1939	1,396	76,446	55	18	13,888	3,598	16,350	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,186	71,542	60	27	11,568	3,254	8,952	8,822	10,376	1,077	27,493	
1949	1,108	69,952	63	44	9,634	9,636	15,525	3,415	2,711	4,982	24,049	
1954	866	56,411	65	49	7,623	4,264	12,988	2,660	2,900	6,655	19,321	
1959	491	35,149	72	75	4,410	4,821	4,678	4,006	1,430	5,295	10,509	
1964	318	27,774	87	75	2,175	2,207	5,160	2,497	955	3,671	11,109	
1969	454	38,295	84	130	1,903	3,771	5,060	NA	8,558 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	19,003 <sup>4/</sup>	
1974	246	23,464	95	206	1,873	1,175	4,561	NA	4,115 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	11,740 <sup>4/</sup>	
1978	236	24,201	103	394	1,959	1,897	3,726	2,783	2,373	2,922	8,541	
1982	240	22,866	95	559	1,751	2,060	2,541	686	1,622	3,238	10,968	
1987	223	23,097	104	462	2,118	2,196	3,380	1,475	2,443	1,776	9,709	
1992	189	20,803	110	664	1,950	2,332	3,680	707	1,111	3,603	7,420	
<sup>5/</sup> 1997	179	24,817	139	684	4,086	1,199	4,220	1,228	1,294	1,024	11,766	
<sup>5/</sup> 2002	173	23,450	136	1,139	4,475	1,176	3,190	2,308	1,261	1,345	9,695	
<sup>5/</sup> 2007	186	29,419	158	1,298	4,572	2,218	2,456	4,262	826	2,754	12,331	

<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	175	443	505	97	7	1	NA	1	NA	1,228
1919	93	345	541	92	9	4	NA	4	NA	1,084
1924	97	522	512	69	3	5	NA	5	NA	1,208
1929	185	533	506	58	4	2	NA	2	NA	1,288
1934	149	567	541	60	3	1	NA	1	NA	1,321
1939	214	618	513	45	5	1	NA	1	NA	1,396
1944	164	493	465	62	1	1	NA	1	NA	1,186
1949	115	473	458	58	3	1	NA	1	NA	1,108
1954	78	387	348	49	3	1	NA	1	NA	866
1959	18	213	225	34	1	-	NA	-	NA	491
1964	20	118	147	31	1	1	-	1	-	318
1969	35	168	197	51	2	1	-	1	-	454
1974	19	99	95	31	1	1	-	1	-	246
1978	29	64	114	25	3	1	-	1	-	236
1982	32	89	82	33	4	-	-	-	-	240
1987	24	61	98	39	1	-	-	-	-	223
1992	23	60	70	34	1	-	1	-	1	189
<sup>3/</sup> 1997	14	47	77	33	6	2	-	2	-	179
<sup>3/</sup> 2002	8	49	79	30	5	2	-	2	-	173
<sup>3/</sup> 2007	7	56	84	30	6	2	1	2	1	186

<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	931	1,119	917	1,387	1,755	1,150	1,235
a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse <sup>1/</sup>	616	936	753	998	1,166	622	613
Grains, oilseeds.....	42	44	52	28	NA	(D)	9
Tobacco.....	558	797	609	812	837	257	(D)
Hay and other crops.....	D	D	27	35	NA	87	308
b. Livestock, poultry and their products <sup>2/</sup>	314	183	163	389	589	528	622
Poultry and eggs.....	2	NA	NA	D	-	(D)	9
Milk and Other Dairy products.....	D	D	-	D	D	(D)	(D)
Cattle & Calves.....	223	138	136	256	543	472	483
Hogs & Pigs.....	81	40	24	33	5	(D)	2

<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	26,958	NA	7,178	4,493	NA	5,894
1944	NA	74,114	NA	25,533	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	95,570	29,160	49,739	9,761	21,076	NA
1954	NA	40,850	NA	25,130	9,495	NA	36,906
1959	NA	47,480	14,220	16,400	11,461	7,535	NA
1964	NA	46,931	36,336	21,362	22,061	10,470	23,557
1969	341,000	55,563	59,601	41,923	35,671	7,207	44,972
1974	430,000	90,000	48,000	48,000	NA	11,000	62,000
1978	NA	91,000	57,000	142,000	64,000	26,000	161,000
1982	NA	90,000	56,000	34,000	121,000	18,000	49,000
1987	548,000	23,000	D	84,000	57,000	11,000	89,000
1992	959,000	60,000	61,000	141,000	91,000	35,000	121,000
<sup>2/</sup> 1997	1,106,000	116,000	100,000	134,000	79,000 <sup>3/</sup>	34,000	115,000 <sup>4/</sup>
<sup>2/</sup> 2002	1,246,000	113,000	73,000	96,000	119,000	29,000	94,000
<sup>2/</sup> 2007	1,584,000	202,000	96,000	143,000	255,000	31,000	175,000

<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.....	74	72	49	84	52
Other.....	149	117	130	89	134
Age group					
Under 25 Years.....	-	1	2	2	2
25 to 34 Years.....	31	24	17	5	9
35 to 44 Years.....	60	45	48	42	23
45 to 54 Years.....	31	42	42	55	62
55 to 64 Years.....	35	29	25	27	51
65 and over.....	66	48	45	42	39
Average Age.....	51.8	52.3	52.8	53.8	54.9

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



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