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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	2,086	165,833	80	17	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,011	156,771	78	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,013	159,166	79	21	38,287	22,440	25,791	3,979	19,056	10,927	38,686
1929	2,154	160,028	74	24	45,949	11,943	27,422	5,006	22,052	8,884	38,772
1934	2,202	160,814	73	19	42,904	11,475	35,405	10,163	12,108	13,674	35,085
1939	2,205	158,450	72	25	49,337	6,217	40,684	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,627	156,343	96	28	43,999	6,833	31,471	21,042	6,357	13,042	33,599
1949	2,212	173,538	79	52	47,034	9,067	47,568	7,518	12,003	13,230	37,118
1954	2,024	161,741	80	65	41,738	9,341	46,944	5,158	7,614	13,218	37,728
1959	1,545	144,964	94	90	35,431	10,754	39,249	5,466	10,591	12,951	30,522
1964	1,530	142,655	93	131	30,158	9,622	42,122	10,340	7,674	11,778	30,890
1969	1,493	164,933	110	168	25,762	19,122	42,307	NA	25,007 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	52,735 <sup>4/</sup>
1974	1,213	140,863	116	313	26,507	6,768	38,359	NA	23,261 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	45,968 <sup>4/</sup>
1978	1,159	143,843	124	578	31,451	10,452	37,488	9,528	9,595	12,378	32,951
1982	1,096	134,006	122	787	31,411	9,926	32,154	10,991	7,631	17,560	24,333
1987	1,088	137,344	126	667	33,374	12,446	35,903	9,388	7,383	13,445	25,405
1992	1,067	136,869	128	688	31,134	10,737	37,326	9,878	6,174	11,673	29,947
<sup>5/</sup> 1997	1,018	135,364	133	1,239	31,002	7,599	33,294	15,576	6,850	15,170	25,873
<sup>5/</sup> 2002	950	131,990	139	1,594	34,837	9,058	29,175	14,466	4,928	12,069	27,457
<sup>5/</sup> 2007	964	149,491	155	2,333	42,204	6,500	20,549	33,640	5,592	12,701	28,305

<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	92	811	986	187	8	2	NA	2,086	
1919	119	707	1,024	154	7	-	NA	2,011	
1924	102	742	994	167	7	1	NA	2,013	
1929	148	860	983	151	10	2	NA	2,154	
1934	182	876	990	142	10	2	NA	2,202	
1939	132	908	1,016	141	8	-	NA	2,205	
1944	85	471	883	175	10	3	NA	1,627	
1949	168	823	1,051	161	8	1	NA	2,212	
1954	240	700	907	165	10	2	NA	2,024	
1959	114	425	810	185	11	-	NA	1,545	
1964	229	377	733	177	12	2	-	1,530	
1969	158	345	756	213	17	1	3	1,493	
1974	112	288	603	187	18	3	2	1,213	
1978	142	234	560	194	22	4	3	1,159	
1982	157	239	483	188	23	4	2	1,096	
1987	151	223	485	197	25	7	-	1,088	
1992	157	237	451	190	23	5	4	1,067	
<sup>3/</sup> 1997	90	218	488	191	26	3	2	1,018	
<sup>3/</sup> 2002	60	255	415	183	27	9	1	950	
<sup>3/</sup> 2007	36	251	428	203	34	9	3	964	

<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	15,819	21,006	19,866	24,165	25,312	29,782	33,362
<b>a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse <sup>1/</sup></b>	7,919	10,382	6,783	11,269	10,726	5,886	6,361
Grains, oilseeds.....	1,187	1,210	500	655	NA	(D)	1,213
Tobacco.....	6,367	8,799	5,684	9,759	9,252	4,113	3,188
Hay and other crops.....	354	353	584	765	NA	1,232	1,474
<b>b. Livestock, poultry and their products <sup>2/</sup></b>	7,900	10,624	13,083	12,896	14,586	23,895	27,001
Poultry and eggs.....	1	2	3	2	2	4,664	5,246
Milk and Other Dairy products .....	3,955	6,868	8,081	6,829	6,959	8,177	8,892
Cattle & Calves .....	3,318	2,875	4,143	5,650	7,511	10,614	12,368
Hogs & Pigs .....	601	725	822	365	63	(D)	11

<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	26,348	NA	32,687	NA	NA	46,020
1944	NA	205,608	NA	77,694	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	218,835	212,240	92,405	76,765	100,785	NA
1954	NA	314,730	NA	148,525	189,120	NA	345,555
1959	NA	351,150	244,645	128,110	194,035	74,195	NA
1964	NA	371,715	215,215	174,345	229,805	111,475	407,815
1969	3,862,000	615,451	463,510	287,295	305,152	107,577	542,174
1974	6,350,000	1,176,000	867,000	315,000	NA	123,000	963,000
1978	NA	1,712,000	1,581,000	651,000	841,000	239,000	1,391,000
1982	NA	2,673,000	1,204,000	1,158,000	1,653,000	338,000	1,183,000
1987	13,785,000	2,693,000	1,319,000	1,122,000	1,149,000	293,000	1,772,000
1992	15,544,000	2,800,000	2,856,000	1,215,000	1,112,000	198,000	1,977,000
<sup>2/</sup> 1997	16,876,000	4,414,000	2,596,000	948,000	824,000 <sup>3/</sup>	339,000	1,657,000 <sup>4/</sup>
<sup>2/</sup> 2002	30,414,000	8,505,000	4,222,000	1,472,000	2,472,000	311,000	1,862,000
<sup>2/</sup> 2007	28,801,000	7,830,000	2,959,000	1,533,000	2,899,000	557,000	3,220,000

<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 .....	600	548	444	594	404
Other .....	488	519	574	356	560
<b>Age group</b>					
Under 25 Years.....	35	21	11	13	7
25 to 34 Years.....	135	94	85	80	63
35 to 44 Years.....	216	219	213	186	149
45 to 54 Years.....	238	232	228	217	250
55 to 64 Years.....	245	211	251	212	242
65 and over .....	219	290	230	242	253
Average Age.....	51	53.5	53.4	53.7	55.1

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



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