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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	1,752	228,650	130	29	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,869	228,932	122	71	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,950	193,721	99	45	59,097	6,297	71,814	8,091	13,942	10,869	23,611
1929	2,081	225,014	108	48	65,092	8,985	68,947	20,530	14,623	16,576	30,261
1934	2,151	226,922	106	31	56,688	4,573	98,926	6,530	11,729	10,524	37,952
1939	1,968	232,073	118	40	67,042	11,934	86,808	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	2,087	236,715	113	52	67,982	5,134	69,981	31,087	16,875	8,803	36,853
1949	1,987	243,720	123	84	67,594	4,694	82,694	15,981	11,559	19,269	41,929
1954	1,647	211,645	128	88	57,888	5,946	76,826	12,088	7,611	19,658	31,628
1959	1,586	234,860	148	130	55,318	15,173	72,801	21,624	10,424	17,412	42,108
1964	1,555	229,942	148	176	51,728	14,722	76,261	22,316	9,111	18,423	37,339
1969	1,548	232,707	150	231	47,600	21,079	82,720	NA	29,524 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	51,784 <sup>4/</sup>
1974	1,369	201,133	147	443	51,682	8,288	68,201	NA	32,150 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	40,812 <sup>4/</sup>
1978	1,416	199,123	141	793	54,756	11,377	65,176	11,540	11,421	17,878	26,975
1982	1,486	202,598	136	970	67,033	9,280	59,096	11,543	11,229	15,632	28,785
1987	1,369	202,339	148	860	62,201	13,889	56,214	14,305	10,086	17,609	28,035
1992	1,423	191,002	134	1,171	62,336	11,572	56,517	11,975	9,941	13,429	25,232
<sup>5/</sup> 1997	1,401	185,507	132	1,933	67,705	9,338	46,027	14,518	10,366	11,731	25,822
<sup>5/</sup> 2002	1,407	189,104	134	2,154	76,438	7,738	35,545	19,562	11,214	12,013	26,594
<sup>5/</sup> 2007	1,406	196,225	140	3,254	75,950	8,431	20,396	42,434	10,747	11,315	26,952

<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	112	420	808	363	42	7	NA	7	NA	1,752
1919	113	473	854	393	33	3	NA	3	NA	1,869
1924	158	661	781	325	22	3	NA	3	NA	1,950
1929	157	642	876	382	21	3	NA	3	NA	2,081
1934	208	640	904	370	22	7	NA	7	NA	2,151
1939	160	486	925	364	26	7	NA	7	NA	1,968
1944	257	522	894	377	32	5	NA	5	NA	2,087
1949	210	467	876	390	36	8	NA	8	NA	1,987
1954	207	304	760	336	30	10	NA	10	NA	1,647
1959	134	259	756	386	38	13	NA	13	NA	1,586
1964	141	280	712	366	46	8	2	8	2	1,555
1969	155	254	714	365	49	11	-	11	-	1,548
1974	127	252	634	303	43	8	2	8	2	1,369
1978	140	306	632	280	47	9	2	9	2	1,416
1982	169	360	595	308	44	8	2	8	2	1,486
1987	157	298	574	270	59	8	3	8	3	1,369
1992	169	392	562	230	59	9	2	9	2	1,423
<sup>3/</sup> 1997	125	433	532	249	49	12	1	12	1	1,401
<sup>3/</sup> 2002	93	459	569	229	41	14	2	14	2	1,407
<sup>3/</sup> 2007	128	477	507	223	54	14	3	14	3	1,406

<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	26,449	35,671	33,182	40,700	39,525	33,242	54,803
<b>a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse <sup>1/</sup></b>	7,777	13,235	8,184	13,917	14,832	11,042	16,435
Grains, oilseeds.....	1,905	3,954	2,101	3,087	NA	5,372	10,536
Tobacco.....	5,251	8,375	4,899	9,366	8,634	4,077	3,696
Hay and other crops.....	556	820	1,018	1,349	NA	1,389	1,838
<b>b. Livestock, poultry and their products <sup>2/</sup></b>	18,673	22,436	24,998	26,782	24,692	22,200	38,369
Poultry and eggs.....	D	11	D	1	5	(D)	75
Milk and Other Dairy products.....	6,923	10,701	10,010	11,585	8,748	6,635	8,228
Cattle & Calves.....	7,882	6,764	7,550	8,085	7,905	10,632	21,789
Hogs & Pigs.....	3,533	4,592	7,263	6,889	7,617	3,624	7,408

<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	91,077	NA	187,621	37,306	NA	39,663
1944	NA	623,269	NA	396,096	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	596,974	1,486,299	594,291	239,102	170,887	NA
1954	NA	705,595	NA	394,895	218,225	NA	301,879
1959	NA	910,995	1,243,212	385,789	337,996	71,525	NA
1964	NA	1,217,250	1,085,650	586,315	425,845	159,965	474,035
1969	9,416,000	1,685,626	2,096,580	725,231	525,857	137,081	625,856
1974	12,447,000	3,241,000	1,668,000	793,000	NA	278,000	1,499,000
1978	NA	3,885,000	3,104,000	1,372,000	1,426,000	421,000	1,749,000
1982	NA	4,837,000	3,369,000	1,838,000	2,665,000	649,000	1,702,000
1987	23,612,000	5,364,000	2,922,000	1,850,000	1,797,000	657,000	2,142,000
1992	28,229,000	6,868,000	2,899,000	2,145,000	2,167,000	654,000	2,382,000
<sup>2/</sup> 1997	30,641,000	6,096,000	2,265,000	2,913,000	1,642,000 <sup>3/</sup>	1,041,000	3,582,000 <sup>4/</sup>
<sup>2/</sup> 2002	27,775,000	4,668,000	2,695,000	2,286,000	2,333,000	1,040,000	3,765,000
<sup>2/</sup> 2007	47,398,000	8,909,000	7,559,000	2,424,000	4,568,000	1,506,000	5,196,000

<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.....	556	561	478	798	588
Other.....	813	862	923	609	818
<b>Age group</b>					
Under 25 Years.....	27	16	12	4	-
25 to 34 Years.....	186	159	127	61	47
35 to 44 Years.....	288	333	328	288	226
45 to 54 Years.....	287	330	376	379	325
55 to 64 Years.....	314	284	269	336	390
65 and over.....	267	301	289	339	418
Average Age.....	50.9	51.8	51.9	54.8	57

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



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