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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 (Acres)						
					Cropland			Other Pasture		Woodland	
					Harvested	Not Harvested	Pasture <sup>2/</sup>	Pasture <sup>2/</sup>	Other Land	Pasture	Other
1909	2,301	238,885	104	67	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,709	238,926	88	153	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,570	213,491	83	86	63,378	7,981	120,392	2,395	14,260	3,758	1,327
1929	2,337	228,302	98	86	74,876	2,451	120,967	8,892	11,427	8,629	1,060
1934	2,553	234,481	92	58	75,092	8,207	105,528	22,173	13,357	6,608	3,516
1939	2,086	229,397	110	79	67,647	4,947	133,623	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	2,769	235,165	85	111	72,343	3,714	59,448	68,098	17,522	8,776	5,264
1949	2,205	234,738	106	165	69,718	6,387	110,550	15,614	14,688	9,902	7,879
1954	2,150	237,882	111	187	66,153	4,131	112,061	20,042	15,010	15,586	4,899
1959	1,802	223,391	124	240	58,404	8,336	111,481	12,981	13,906	11,915	6,368
1964	1,735	228,185	132	273	59,299	10,645	87,530	32,966	13,635	17,116	6,870
1969	1,729	227,656	132	425	56,933	14,970	92,999	NA	43,606 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	19,148 <sup>4/</sup>
1974	1,503	217,387	145	726	61,259	10,042	79,795	NA	42,315 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	23,976 <sup>4/</sup>
1978	1,588	225,403	142	1,270	79,328	14,330	77,093	14,008	16,810	11,127	12,707
1982	1,652	224,909	136	1,717	89,255	9,112	65,631	16,579	17,818	11,417	15,097
1987	1,581	224,123	142	1,395	77,475	18,133	62,792	21,664	15,430	11,524	17,105
1992	1,640	229,838	140	1,760	83,373	18,192	62,515	18,934	16,027	11,762	19,035
<sup>5/</sup> 1997	1,533	204,292	133	2,567	79,705	10,505	53,058	17,539	15,259	11,270	16,956
<sup>5/</sup> 2002	1,557	201,667	130	3,221	89,373	10,671	40,465	20,432	16,115	7,931	16,680
<sup>5/</sup> 2007	1,651	205,286	124	4,432	93,994	8,633	21,581	39,896	14,289	9,498	17,395

<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	198	711	950	425	15	2	NA	2,301	
1919	320	911	1,097	368	9	4	NA	2,709	
1924	426	754	1,063	315	12	-	NA	2,570	
1929	234	620	1,113	360	9	1	NA	2,337	
1934	426	626	1,116	374	10	1	NA	2,553	
1939	248	396	1,070	356	14	2	NA	2,086	
1944	725	523	1,171	333	13	4	NA	2,769	
1949	374	397	1,010	406	15	3	NA	2,205	
1954	377	344	1,014	393	20	2	NA	2,150	
1959	277	255	842	404	22	2	NA	1,802	
1964	293	241	725	441	32	3	-	1,735	
1969	326	227	720	414	37	4	1	1,729	
1974	205	225	627	399	42	5	-	1,503	
1978	254	296	604	366	60	7	1	1,588	
1982	290	363	601	323	63	10	2	1,652	
1987	229	342	617	314	69	7	3	1,581	
1992	232	409	593	322	70	11	3	1,640	
<sup>3/</sup> 1997	164	470	560	274	54	8	3	1,533	
<sup>3/</sup> 2002	144	548	558	243	47	9	8	1,557	
<sup>3/</sup> 2007	149	630	570	242	42	11	7	1,651	

<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	40,996	55,278	46,663	59,834	56,575	45,637	56,992
<b>a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse <sup>1/</sup></b>	17,979	27,829	18,703	32,830	33,250	26,169	29,612
Grains, oilseeds.....	3,488	5,824	3,250	4,873	NA	4,650	9,826
Tobacco.....	13,027	20,375	12,639	23,181	21,583	10,943	8,424
Hay and other crops.....	930	699	1,152	1,507	NA	1,605	2,230
<b>b. Livestock, poultry and their products <sup>2/</sup></b>	23,018	27,449	27,960	27,004	23,325	19,467	27,380
Poultry and eggs.....	4	11	7	8	6	10	150
Milk and Other Dairy products .....	12,172	16,497	14,181	13,302	8,348	5,330	5,478
Cattle & Calves .....	7,003	6,392	9,274	9,683	9,550	9,226	15,015
Hogs & Pigs .....	2,243	2,437	2,599	1,990	1,865	1,155	36

<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	185,863	NA	346,903	57,659	NA	68,493
1944	NA	1,007,821	NA	803,852	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	1,199,447	768,832	863,790	333,822	158,114	NA
1954	NA	1,168,123	NA	764,354	325,861	NA	595,261
1959	NA	1,439,417	618,247	913,622	454,017	97,260	NA
1964	NA	1,370,750	634,595	935,668	506,515	143,615	684,345
1969	11,387,000	1,833,605	1,262,715	1,384,678	663,594	184,682	917,022
1974	18,873,000	4,026,000	2,150,000	1,942,000	NA	437,000	2,039,000
1978	NA	4,579,000	3,297,000	2,467,000	2,001,000	648,000	2,683,000
1982	NA	5,209,000	2,069,000	4,199,000	3,608,000	957,000	3,171,000
1987	31,032,000	5,079,000	3,113,000	3,371,000	2,401,000	909,000	2,930,000
1992	40,795,000	6,485,000	3,327,000	5,035,000	2,793,000	1,144,000	4,319,000
<sup>2/</sup> 1997	37,975,000	4,619,000	3,496,000	4,570,000	1,982,000 <sup>3/</sup>	1,671,000	3,676,000 <sup>4/</sup>
<sup>2/</sup> 2002	41,579,000	3,443,000	2,440,000	6,097,000	2,988,000	2,170,000	3,708,000
<sup>2/</sup> 2007	56,420,000	5,975,000	5,171,000	6,550,000	5,173,000	3,796,000	5,637,000

<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 .....	722	743	636	805	677
Other .....	859	897	897	752	974
<b>Age group</b>					
Under 25 Years.....	21	7	6	4	6
25 to 34 Years .....	171	136	96	80	47
35 to 44 Years .....	326	322	304	240	207
45 to 54 Years .....	378	443	403	430	429
55 to 64 Years .....	352	357	349	396	493
65 and over .....	333	375	375	407	469
Average Age.....	51.9	53.2	54.2	55.5	57.3

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



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