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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 1/

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 <u>2/</u>	Pasture <u>2/</u>	Other Land	Pasture	Other
1909	1,348	116,385	86	39	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,518	116,221	77	90	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,532	119,469	78	60	32,104	2,273	61,483	1,694	13,714	4,630	3,571
1929	1,208	117,345	97	49	31,479	5,233	49,665	11,132	7,643	8,596	3,597
1934	1,111	107,365	96	31	26,498	2,889	54,160	5,824	5,442	8,546	4,006
1939	1,115	114,710	103	50	30,656	2,203	59,690	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,007	114,008	113	67	32,852	3,477	31,340	28,384	6,550	7,263	4,142
1949	1,079	120,751	112	94	30,737	2,350	50,572	9,668	5,906	14,921	6,597
1954	966	117,939	122	119	30,932	3,936	39,555	18,991	9,970	11,298	3,257
1959	858	117,598	137	155	26,701	11,103	41,956	18,082	6,740	8,572	4,444
1964	727	109,885	151	196	24,307	5,704	41,633	12,104	4,528	15,776	5,782
1969	708	110,052	155	282	21,179	8,016	44,972	NA	18,733 <u>3/</u>	NA	17,152 <u>4/</u>
1974	643	102,385	159	521	26,050	4,759	36,821	NA	19,722 <u>3/</u>	NA	15,033 <u>4/</u>
1978	665	105,137	158	815	28,655	5,187	34,721	8,371	6,165	11,221	10,817
1982	651	100,922	155	1,039	31,383	6,218	29,406	8,753	6,225	7,912	11,025
1987	659	99,927	152	809	29,765	7,678	24,943	12,519	6,268	7,836	10,918
1992	648	93,887	145	1,237	29,044	6,050	28,675	7,650	4,948	7,610	9,910
<u>5/ 1997</u>	646	84,441	131	1,841	31,820	4,157	21,835	5,674	6,475	6,865	7,615
<u>5/ 2002</u>	623	77,525	124	2,540	27,501	4,141	15,072	10,913	4,949	5,987	8,962
<u>5/ 2007</u>	596	73,289	123	3,295	25,044	4,923	6,178	20,333	4,595	5,327	6,889

1/Due to changes in the definition of a farm, Farm Numbers and Land in Farms are not always comparable from Census to Census. 2/Due to changes in definition and wording of question, figures for Cropland Pasture and Other Pasture are not always comparable from Census to Census. 3/Includes Other Pasture. 4/Includes Woodland Pasture. 5/1997-2002 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 <u>2/</u>	
1909	131	538	478	193	8	-	NA	1,348	
1919	200	584	564	165	5	-	NA	1,518	
1924	143	575	649	159	6	-	NA	1,532	
1929	94	351	572	183	7	1	NA	1,208	
1934	91	345	501	167	7	-	NA	1,111	
1939	111	266	563	168	6	1	NA	1,115	
1944	93	166	555	189	4	-	NA	1,007	
1949	148	194	543	186	6	2	NA	1,079	
1954	141	156	456	200	12	1	NA	966	
1959	118	102	404	222	11	1	NA	858	
1964	95	71	334	215	10	1	1	727	
1969	73	98	327	188	19	2	1	708	
1974	81	72	302	165	19	3	1	643	
1978	85	79	293	186	19	2	1	665	
1982	92	82	281	174	18	3	1	651	
1987	86	102	285	163	19	3	1	659	
1992	79	140	270	126	30	1	2	648	
<u>3/ 1997</u>	67	177	267	111	19	3	2	646	
<u>3/ 2002</u>	44	213	242	109	10	4	1	623	
<u>3/ 2007</u>	20	213	238	111	11	2	1	596	

1/1909-1929. 2/1909-1959. 3/1997-2007 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 ^{3/}	2002 ^{3/}	2007 ^{3/}
	(Thousand Dollars)						
Value of sales	13,587	18,262	16,049	21,995	19,988	11,381	11,539
a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse ^{1/}	5,688	8,943	6,629	12,208	11,992	6,970	6,732
Grains, oilseeds.....	905	1,589	1,016	1,699	NA	1,150	1,302
Tobacco.....	4,481	6,932	4,268	9,102	8,858	3,552	1,802
Hay and other crops.....	278	218	395	550	NA	527	903
b. Livestock, poultry and their products ^{2/}	8,169	9,319	9,420	9,787	7,996	4,411	4,807
Poultry and eggs.....	2	NA	1	4	D	4	33
Milk and Other Dairy products.....	5,159	6,610	6,049	6,144	4,016	1,463	984
Cattle & Calves.....	2,636	2,251	2,920	3,261	3,822	2,595	3,503
Hogs & Pigs.....	362	D	430	355	30	2	41

^{1/}Includes a value of crops not listed. ^{2/}Includes values of other livestock and livestock products not listed. ^{3/}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 ^{1/}
	(Dollars)						
1939	NA	50,918	NA	72,930	25,998	NA	11,363
1944	NA	369,778	NA	166,347	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	375,360	243,650	238,570	141,625	78,640	NA
1954	NA	491,955	NA	307,090	208,045	NA	227,845
1959	NA	617,795	249,170	247,825	193,675	33,320	NA
1964	NA	478,805	155,815	191,315	294,615	62,828	249,455
1969	4,391,000	1,023,504	423,099	398,127	283,667	62,550	304,054
1974	6,008,000	1,498,000	457,000	465,000	NA	133,000	727,000
1978	NA	1,873,000	662,000	598,000	911,000	284,000	1,061,000
1982	NA	1,943,000	618,000	880,000	1,059,000	291,000	866,000
1987	11,290,000	1,976,000	730,000	1,048,000	1,237,000	394,000	1,108,000
1992	12,316,000	2,005,000	603,000	1,526,000	998,000	305,000	1,392,000
^{2/} 1997	12,555,000	1,894,000	666,000	1,140,000	852,000 ^{3/}	629,000	1,478,000 ^{4/}
^{2/} 2002	12,585,000	1,176,000	416,000	2,120,000	954,000	591,000	1,297,000
^{2/} 2007	12,217,000	1,321,000	548,000	1,249,000	1,494,000	628,000	1,292,000

^{1/}1987 - 2007 includes cost of custom applications. ^{2/}1997-2007 data adjusted for coverage. ^{3/}1997 does not include utilities. ^{4/}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 ^{1/}	2002 ^{1/}	2007 ^{1/}
Principal occupation					
Farming.....	312	297	248	304	228
Other.....	347	351	398	319	368
Age group					
Under 25 Years.....	13	11	3	-	-
25 to 34 Years.....	66	101	51	24	27
35 to 44 Years.....	117	110	145	103	71
45 to 54 Years.....	163	142	145	162	137
55 to 64 Years.....	131	130	143	173	172
65 and over.....	169	154	159	161	189
Average Age.....	52.9	52	53.9	55.8	58

^{1/}1997-2007 data adjusted for coverage.



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