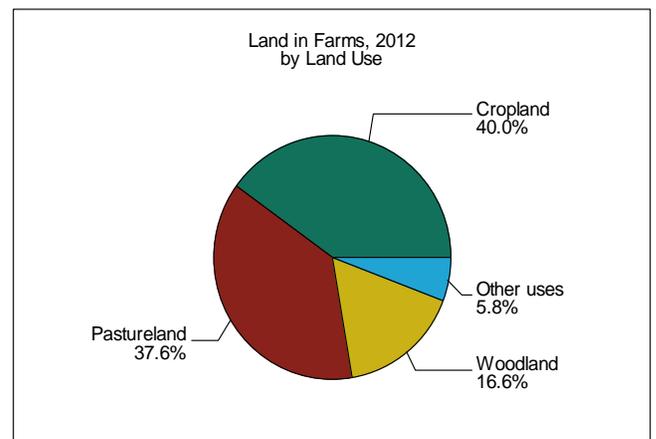
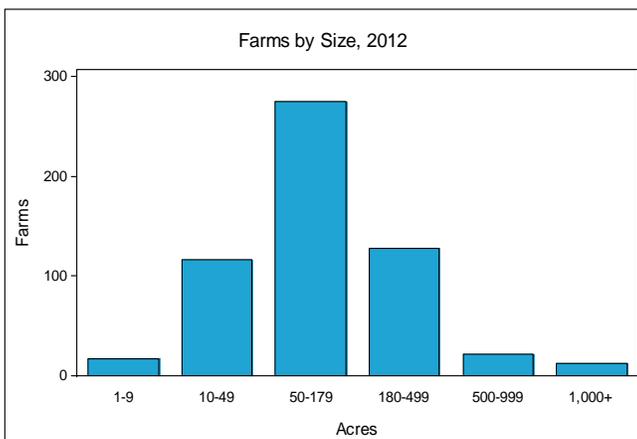


Nicholas County Kentucky

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	570	603	- 5
Land in Farms	102,192 acres	110,198 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	179 acres	183 acres	- 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$20,739,000	\$15,718,000	+ 32
Crop Sales \$10,488,000 (51 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$10,251,000 (49 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$36,385	\$26,066	+ 40
Government Payments	\$712,000	\$226,000	+ 215
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,471	\$2,458	+ 41





Nicholas County – Kentucky

Ranked items among the 120 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	20,739	65	120	2,359	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,488	56	120	2,067	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,251	64	120	2,087	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,463	80	117	2,141	2,926
Tobacco	6,467	19	104	63	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	53	90	117	2,146	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	88	33	115	1,494	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	62	88	110	2,179	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,355	20	120	1,195	3,049
Poultry and eggs	46	58	120	1,646	3,013
Cattle and calves	9,221	44	120	1,372	3,056
Milk from cows	147	65	84	1,786	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	113	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	77	39	117	1,589	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	530	18	118	521	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	35	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	13	118	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,827	36	120	811	3,057
Corn for grain	3,031	63	117	1,582	2,638
Soybeans for beans	2,713	66	102	1,442	2,162
Tobacco	2,262	9	104	44	437
Corn for silage	388	48	103	1,483	2,237
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	21,824	38	120	1,266	3,063
Layers	2,028	40	120	1,279	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,153	39	120	1,014	3,072
Quail	(D)	7	26	304	944
Sheep and lambs	569	34	109	1,329	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	124	Farming	281
\$1,000 to \$2,499	57	Other	289
\$2,500 to \$4,999	51		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	79	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	79	Male	489
\$20,000 to \$24,999	29	Female	81
\$25,000 to \$39,999	40		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	21	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	5	Asian	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,243	Black or African American	2
Average per farm (\$)	37,269	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	801
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,908	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	3,347	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.