



Ballard County Kentucky

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

| | 2017 | % change since 2012 |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms | 295 | -28 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 94,340 | -12 |
| Average size of farm (acres) | 320 | +22 |
| Total | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 70,613,000 | +23 |
| Government payments | 1,653,000 | -15 |
| Farm-related income | 1,763,000 | -69 |
| Total farm production expenses | 45,164,000 | -9 |
| Net cash farm income | 28,866,000 | +86 |
| Per farm average | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 239,366 | +70 |
| Government payments (average per farm receiving) | 11,248 | +56 |
| Farm-related income | 12,331 | -56 |
| Total farm production expenses | 153,098 | +26 |
| Net cash farm income | 97,851 | +157 |

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops | 54 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 46 |

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

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|-------------|----|
| Cropland | 80 |
| Pastureland | 7 |
| Woodland | 9 |
| Other | 5 |

Acres irrigated: (D)

(D)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

| | |
|----------------|----|
| No till | 33 |
| Reduced till | 12 |
| Intensive till | 9 |
| Cover crop | 13 |

Farms by Value of Sales

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500 | 113 | 38 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 12 | 4 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 24 | 8 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 48 | 16 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 21 | 7 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 21 | 7 |
| \$100,000 or more | 56 | 19 |

Farms by Size

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres | 9 | 3 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 90 | 31 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 108 | 37 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 51 | 17 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 13 | 4 |
| 1,000 + acres | 24 | 8 |

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

| | Sales (\$1,000) | Rank in State ^b | Counties Producing Item | Rank in U.S. ^b | Counties Producing Item |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total | 70,613 | 26 | 120 | 1,466 | 3,077 |
| Crops | 38,125 | 24 | 120 | 1,271 | 3,073 |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas | 37,687 | 15 | 116 | 889 | 2,916 |
| Tobacco | (D) | 81 | 94 | (D) | 323 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 647 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes | 14 | 103 | 118 | 1,983 | 2,821 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries | (D) | (D) | 114 | (D) | 2,748 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod | - | - | 103 | - | 2,601 |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | - | - | 31 | - | 1,384 |
| Other crops and hay | 296 | 104 | 120 | 2,514 | 3,040 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 32,488 | 32 | 120 | 1,267 | 3,073 |
| Poultry and eggs | 30,129 | 13 | 120 | 346 | 3,007 |
| Cattle and calves | 1,763 | 86 | 120 | 2,218 | 3,055 |
| Milk from cows | (D) | 33 | 77 | (D) | 1,892 |
| Hogs and pigs | - | - | 114 | - | 2,856 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk | (D) | (D) | 118 | (D) | 2,984 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys | 10 | 97 | 115 | 2,299 | 2,970 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 26 | - | 1,251 |
| Other animals and animal products | (D) | 88 | 111 | (D) | 2,878 |

Total Producers ^c

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Sex | 506 |
| Male | 347 |
| Female | 159 |
| Age | |
| <35 | 53 |
| 35 – 64 | 255 |
| 65 and older | 198 |
| Race | |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | - |
| Asian | - |
| Black or African American | 2 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | - |
| White | 497 |
| More than one race | 7 |
| Other characteristics | |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 2 |
| With military service | 69 |
| New and beginning farmers | 139 |

Percent of farms that:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Have internet access | 87 |
| Farm organically | - |
| Sell directly to consumers | 2 |
| Hire farm labor | 21 |
| Are family farms | 89 |

Top Crops in Acres ^d

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Soybeans for beans | 40,629 |
| Corn for grain | 23,313 |
| Wheat for grain, all | 10,419 |
| Forage (hay/haylage), all | 4,237 |
| Barley for grain | (D) |

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 965,065 |
| Cattle and calves | 4,967 |
| Goats | 122 |
| Hogs and pigs | 24 |
| Horses and ponies | 173 |
| Layers | 60,365 |
| Pullets | (D) |
| Sheep and lambs | 314 |
| Turkeys | 18 |

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.