



# Mason County Kentucky

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	680	+7
Land in farms (acres)	132,113	+4
Average size of farm (acres)	194	-3
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<b>Total</b>	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	31,335,000	+1
Government payments	557,000	-67
Farm-related income	1,922,000	+16
Total farm production expenses	26,183,000	-1
Net cash farm income	7,631,000	-3
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<b>Per farm average</b>	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	46,081	-6
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,238	-36
Farm-related income	6,938	-6
Total farm production expenses	38,504	-8
Net cash farm income	11,223	-10

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	63
Livestock, poultry, and products	37

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	52
Pastureland	30
Woodland	14
Other	4

**Acres irrigated: 6**

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	22
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	11
Cover crop	25

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	179	26
\$2,500 to \$4,999	72	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	106	16
\$10,000 to \$24,999	127	19
\$25,000 to \$49,999	74	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	8
\$100,000 or more	67	10

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	49	7
10 to 49 acres	172	25
50 to 179 acres	269	40
180 to 499 acres	141	21
500 to 999 acres	31	5
1,000 + acres	18	3

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,335</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>19,894</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	9,865	41	116	1,404	2,916
Tobacco	5,690	19	94	69	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	21	98	118	1,938	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	27	57	114	1,686	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	104	62	103	1,417	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	4,187	6	120	603	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>11,441</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	13	96	120	1,694	3,007
Cattle and calves	9,871	39	120	1,259	3,055
Milk from cows	1,220	27	77	899	1,892
Hogs and pigs	81	30	114	967	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	138	24	118	1,050	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	110	66	115	1,377	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	26	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	8	66	111	1,538	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**1,129**

**Sex**

Male 748  
Female 381

**Age**

<35 168  
35 – 64 639  
65 and older 322

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native 4  
Asian -  
Black or African American 6  
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -  
White 1,112  
More than one race 7

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 11  
With military service 110  
New and beginning farmers 373

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **75**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **2**

Hire farm labor **26**

Are family farms **96**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Forage (hay/haylage), all 35,084  
Soybeans for beans 11,121  
Corn for grain 7,006  
Tobacco 1,418  
Corn for silage or greenchop 904

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 82  
Cattle and calves 26,412  
Goats 300  
Hogs and pigs 163  
Horses and ponies 685  
Layers 733  
Pullets 81  
Sheep and lambs 1,279  
Turkeys 13

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

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

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.