

## ***DIRECTOR'S NOTE***

We are pleased to present the 2004-2005 edition of the *Kentucky Agricultural Statistics*. This publication represents a cooperative effort between USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kentucky Field Office, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and contains current statistics for Kentucky's agricultural industry.

The voluntary cooperation of thousands of farmers and agri-businesses, and the dedicated efforts of the Kentucky Field Office staff in compiling the collected data, are essential for us to maintain reliable facts on the changing face of Kentucky agriculture. These statistics will play a vital role in the evaluation of the impact of the tobacco buy-out legislation to Kentucky agriculture and will help measure the success of the Commonwealth's efforts to diversify from tobacco.

A special thanks also goes to the dedicated staff of field and telephone enumerators who have spent many hours collecting data. These enumerators are our goodwill ambassadors to Kentucky's agricultural community.

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