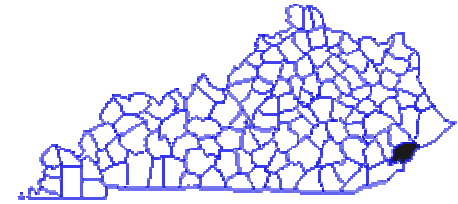




# LETCHER COUNTY

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### U.S. CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE FARMS: NUMBER, ACRES, VALUE AND LAND USE, 1909-2002 <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms (Acres)	Avg Size of Farm	Avg Value of Land & Buildings per Acre (Dollars)	Land Use (Acres)						
					Cropland			Other Pasture <sup>2/</sup>	Other Land	Woodland	
					Harvested	Not Harvested	Pasture <sup>2/</sup>			Pasture	Other
1909	1,596	154,166	97	8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,601	132,006	83	30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,707	102,837	60	26	14,751	8,649	18,238	1,666	5,212	2,870	51,451
1929	1,674	109,812	66	27	15,137	10,774	15,938	1,482	4,248	7,367	54,866
1934	2,518	125,322	50	14	19,282	10,891	16,779	5,377	7,096	8,596	57,301
1939	2,670	116,051	44	21	19,144	9,811	16,378	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	2,625	109,202	42	30	16,357	7,245	14,099	11,732	3,004	12,811	43,954
1949	1,722	89,631	52	50	7,550	11,538	11,765	4,932	5,523	9,835	38,488
1954	1,574	82,240	52	52	6,000	8,944	8,651	2,998	4,069	12,866	38,712
1959	610	42,495	70	60	2,124	4,287	4,548	1,155	1,055	6,218	23,108
1964	344	24,718	72	72	1,056	1,477	1,479	1,558	2,594	2,659	13,915
1969	83	10,317	124	132	402	328	2,782	NA	1,476 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	5,329 <sup>4/</sup>
1974	50	4,525	91	295	255	42	1,230	NA	844 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	2,154 <sup>4/</sup>
1978	43	3,540	82	554	494	178	321	258	152	NA	2,137 <sup>4/</sup>
1982	49	4,173	85	1,029	262	24	680	301	604	857	1,445
1987	36	3,200	89	955	268	NA	535	NA	NA	627	1,553
1992	30	3,383	113	867	157	NA	NA	277	242	NA	NA
1997	31	2,686	87	804	174	39	278	375	336	274	1,210
<sup>5/</sup> 1997	38	3,022	80	811	189	39	313	450	379	314	1,338
<sup>5/</sup> 2002	46	2,869	62	1,038	146	186	299	287	178	417	1,356

<sup>1/</sup>Due to changes in the definition of a farm, Farm Numbers and Land in Farms are not always comparable from Census to Census. <sup>2/</sup>Due to changes in definition and wording of question, figures for Cropland Pasture and Other Pasture are not always comparable from Census to Census. <sup>3/</sup>Includes Other Pasture. <sup>4/</sup>Includes Woodland Pasture. (NA)Data Not Available. (-)Zero. <sup>5/</sup>Shaded 1997-2002 data adjusted for coverage.

### U.S. CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE NUMBER OF FARMS, BY SIZE, GROUP, 1909-2002

Year	Size of Farm (Acres)							All Farms
	1 - 9	10-49	50-179 50-174 <sup>1/</sup>	180-499 175-499 <sup>1/</sup>	500-999	1,000-1,999 1,000-OVER <sup>2/</sup>	2000+	
1909	160	534	660	207	27	8	NA	1,596
1919	194	586	645	151	22	3	NA	1,601
1924	382	697	524	84	16	4	NA	1,707
1929	159	796	610	97	7	5	NA	1,674
1934	748	1,048	605	88	23	6	NA	2,518
1939	769	1,192	629	65	9	6	NA	2,670
1944	614	1,256	683	65	7	-	NA	2,625
1949	268	852	532	61	8	1	NA	1,722
1954	276	759	467	65	5	2	NA	1,574
1959	20	299	248	40	3	-	NA	610
1964	9	165	143	26	-	1	-	344
1969	3	31	39	6	2	2	-	83
1974	4	12	30	4	-	-	-	50
1978	2	14	22	5	-	-	-	43
1982	4	17	23	5	-	-	-	49
1987	4	10	17	5	-	-	-	36
1992	4	5	15	6	-	-	-	30
1997	2	7	21	1	-	-	-	31
<sup>3/</sup> 1997	3	10	24	1	-	-	-	38
<sup>3/</sup> 2002	6	19	18	3	-	-	-	46

<sup>1/</sup>1909-1929. <sup>2/</sup>1909-1959. (-)Zero. (NA)Data Not Available. <sup>3/</sup>Shaded 1997-2002 data adjusted for coverage.

## U.S. CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD, 1978-2002

	1978	1982	1987	1992	1997	1997 <sup>3/</sup>	2002 <sup>3/</sup>
	(Thousand Dollars)						
Value of sales	93	57	D	62	59	65	181
a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse <sup>1/</sup>	39	20	D	16	7	7	121
Grains, oilseeds .....	17	D	3	-	D	NA	D
Tobacco .....	-	-	D	D	D	D	-
Hay and other crops .....	5	D	8	9	2	NA	12
b. Livestock, poultry and their products <sup>2/</sup>	54	37	28	45	52	58	60
Poultry and eggs .....	D	D	2	2	D	D	-
Milk and Other Dairy products .....	D	D	D	-	D	-	-
Cattle & Calves .....	46	26	14	22	28	34	D
Hogs & Pigs .....	6	4	D	20	22	22	D

<sup>1/</sup>Includes a value of crops not listed. <sup>2/</sup>Includes values of other livestock and livestock products not listed. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms. (NA) Data not available. <sup>3/</sup>Shaded 1997-2002 data adjusted for coverage. Z - Less than half of the unit shown.

## U.S. CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE TOTAL & SPECIFIED FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES, 1939-2002

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 <sup>1/</sup>
	(Dollars)						
1939	NA	56,283	NA	14,393	11,773	NA	5,489
1944	NA	177,364	NA	29,360	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	162,640	27,785	29,765	8,600	18,078	NA
1954	NA	191,281	NA	16,185	6,315	NA	21,802
1959	NA	102,170	13,705	1,565	11,845	3,040	NA
1964	NA	56,559	9,491	5,073	2,666	4,931	7,313
1969	206,000	96,396	62,402	7,613	5,201	1,996	4,886
1974	68,000	22,000	17,000	2,000	NA	2,000	6,000
1978	NA	13,000	10,000	8,000	13,000	3,000	9,000
1982	NA	23,000	11,000	5,000	16,000	2,000	8,000
1987	84,000	20,000	11,000	5,000	D	2,000	7,000
1992	85,000	17,000	15,000	3,000	8,000	1,000	5,000
1997	104,000	24,000	9,000	NA	11,000	2,000	10,000
<sup>2/</sup> 1997	120,000	26,000	11,000	D	10,000 <sup>3/</sup>	2,000	10,000 <sup>4/</sup>
<sup>2/</sup> 2002	259,000	45,000	17,000	13,000	32,000	10,000	10,000

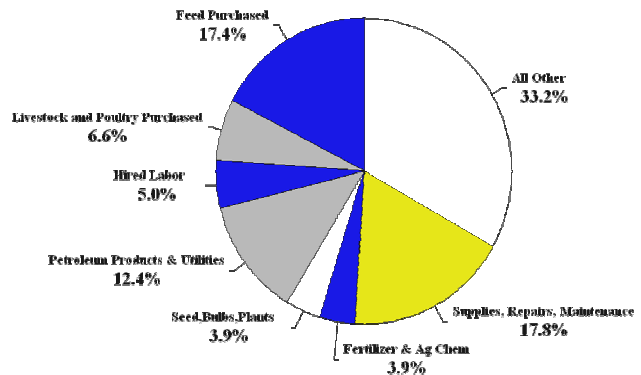
<sup>1/</sup>1987 - 2002 includes cost of custom applications. (NA) Data Not Available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms. <sup>2/</sup>Shaded 1997-2002 data adjusted for coverage. <sup>3/</sup> 1997 does not include utilities <sup>4/</sup> 1997 does not include lime nor manure.

## U.S. CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE OCCUPATION AND AGE, 1987 - 2002

Operators by	1987	1992	1997	1997 <sup>1/</sup>	2002 <sup>1/</sup>
<b>Principal occupation</b>					
Farming .....	16	13	11	12	28
Other .....	20	17	20	26	18
<b>Age group</b>					
Under 25 Years .....	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 34 Years .....	3	3	3	4	2
35 to 44 Years .....	6	7	6	9	9
45 to 54 Years .....	6	1	10	12	17
55 to 64 Years .....	8	8	4	4	8
65 and over .....	13	11	8	9	10
Average Age .....	57.2	56.7	53.2	51.7	53.0

<sup>1/</sup>Shaded 1997-2002 data adjusted for coverage.

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SPECIFIED FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES, 2002  
LETCHER



All other includes machine rental, cash rent, property taxes, and other farm production expenditures.

## U.S. CENSUS - POPULATION TOTAL, URBAN & RURAL, 1900-2000

Year	Total Population	URBAN			RURAL <sup>1/</sup>		
		Population	% of Total	% of Previous Census	Population	% of Total	% of Previous Census
1900	9,172	-	-	-	9,172	100	-
1910	10,623	-	-	-	10,623	100	116
1920	24,467	4,707	19	-	19,760	81	186
1930	35,702	8,465	24	180	27,237	76	138
1940	40,592	9,428	23	111	31,164	77	114
1950	39,522	6,921	18	73	32,601	82	105
1960	30,102	3,202	11	46	26,900	89	83
1970	23,165	2,552	11	80	20,613	89	77
1980	30,687	3,271	11	128	27,416	89	133
1990	27,000	2,751	10	84	24,249	90	88
2000	25,277	78	-	94	25,199	100	104

<sup>1/</sup> Rural population includes small cities of less than 2,500.

## KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS FACTS

### LETCHER COUNTY'S RANK

<u>CROPS - 2003 PRODUCTION</u>	<u>RANK</u>
Corn for Grain . . . . .	*
Soybean . . . . .	*
Winter Wheat . . . . .	*
Sorghum . . . . .	*
Burley Tobacco . . . . .	*
Dark Fired Tobacco . . . . .	*
Dark Air Tobacco . . . . .	*
Alfalfa Hay . . . . .	*
All Other Hay . . . . .	*
Barley for Grain . . . . .	*

### LIVESTOCK INVENTORY

Cattle & Calves, Jan 1, 2004 . . . . .	*
Beef Cows, Jan 1, 2004 . . . . .	*
Milk Production . . . . .	*

\* - None or No Estimate Available

### LIVESTOCK ON FARMS 1930 - 2004 <sup>1/</sup>

Year	All Cattle & Calves <sup>2/</sup>	Beef Cows <sup>2/ 3/</sup> (Head)	Hogs & Pigs <sup>4/</sup>
1930	3,197	NA	4,187
1935	6,329	NA	7,714
1940	4,476	NA	5,567
1945	8,685	NA	7,836
1950	2,745	NA	2,618
1955	2,371	NA	2,058
1960	1,050	NA	1,100
1965	800	NA	400
1970	400	NA	500
1975	500	NA	300
1980	NA	NA	NA
1985	NA	NA	NA
1990	NA	NA	NA
1995	NA	NA	NA
2000	NA	NA	NA
2001	NA	NA	NA
2002	NA	NA	NA
2003	NA	NA	NA
2004	NA	NA	NA

### CASH RECEIPTS 1980 - 2003

Year	Total Crop Receipts	Total Livestock Receipts	Total Cash Receipts
(Thousand Dollars)			
1980	109	87	196
1985	63	99	162
1990	159	267	426
1995	79	156	235
2000	29	117	146
2001	40	108	148
2002	97	87	184
2003	104	98	202

### MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION 1930 - 2003 <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Avg. Number of Milk Cows on Farms (Head)	Annual Avg. Production per Cow (Pounds)	Total Milk Production (000 Pounds)
1930	1,964	NA	NA
1935	3,209	NA	NA
1940	2,927	NA	NA
1945	4,279	NA	NA
1950	1,569	NA	NA
1955	1,331	NA	NA
1960	500	4,200	2,100
1965	200	4,700	940
1970	50	5,400	270
1975	NA	NA	NA
1980	NA	NA	NA
1985	NA	NA	NA
1990	NA	NA	NA
1995	NA	NA	NA
2000	NA	NA	NA
2001	NA	NA	NA
2002	NA	NA	NA
2003	NA	NA	NA

<sup>1/</sup>1930-1955, U.S. Census of Agriculture; 1960-2004 KY Agricultural Statistics Service. <sup>2/</sup>Inventory date as of Jan. 1, 1960-2004. <sup>3/</sup>Estimates initiated in 1977. <sup>4/</sup>Inventory date as of Jan. 1, 1960-65; Dec. 1, 1970-2003. (NA) Data Not Available.

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## CORN 1930 - 2003

Year	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested 1/	Yield Harv. Acres	Production
1930	NA	10,500	13.3	140,000
1935	NA	14,700	17.9	263,000
1940	NA	13,500	24.3	328,000
1945	NA	8,200	31.0	254,000
1950	NA	7,100	33.0	234,000
1955	NA	5,200	30.0	156,000
1960	NA	1,400	33.0	46,000
1965	700	600	47.0	28,000
1970	300	200	45.0	9,000
1975	400	300	68.0	20,400
1980	NA	NA	NA	NA
1985	NA	NA	NA	NA
1990	NA	NA	NA	NA
1995	NA	NA	NA	NA
2000	NA	NA	NA	NA
2001	NA	NA	NA	NA
2002	NA	NA	NA	NA
2003	NA	NA	NA	NA

1/1930-1955, Harvested for All Purposes. 1960-2003, Harvested for Grain. (NA)Data Not Available.

## HAY 1975 - 2003

Year	ALFALFA HAY			ALL OTHER HAY		
	Acres Harv.	Yield Harv. Acres	Prod.	Acres Harv.	Yield Harv. Acres	Prod.
	(Tons)			(Tons)		
1975	NA	NA	NA	300	2.00	600
1980	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1985	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1990	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1995	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2001	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2002	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2003	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(NA)Data Not Available.