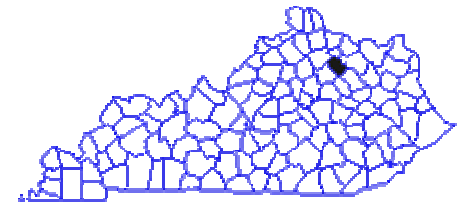




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### U.S. CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE FARMS: NUMBER, ACRES, VALUE AND LAND USE, 1909-2002 <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms (Acres)	Avg Size of Farm	Avg Value of Land & Buildings per Acre (Dollars)	Land Use						
					Cropland			Other Pasture <sup>2/</sup>	Other Land	Woodland	
					Harvested	Not Harvested	Pasture <sup>2/</sup>			Pasture	Other
1909	1,804	113,055	63	65	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,904	119,557	63	146	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,713	107,946	63	79	22,913	799	78,542	1,389	532	3,566	204
1929	1,871	117,657	63	77	24,327	5,399	67,543	13,306	4,270	1,488	1,324
1934	1,648	117,001	71	48	23,865	2,601	69,025	5,821	5,626	7,477	2,586
1939	1,485	119,078	80	63	22,378	2,222	76,338	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,535	117,836	77	74	22,635	1,140	21,404	52,864	6,107	11,370	2,316
1949	1,399	122,264	87	110	22,660	1,808	69,990	9,596	7,339	7,742	3,129
1954	1,345	112,714	84	127	19,495	3,669	57,323	11,732	6,169	11,309	3,017
1959	1,039	112,678	108	158	17,857	1,050	54,394	22,311	5,104	6,293	5,669
1964	898	108,145	120	204	14,084	4,363	59,849	10,473	4,785	12,195	2,355
1969	715	105,257	147	239	14,075	5,419	50,087	NA	19,819 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	15,857 <sup>4/</sup>
1974	698	112,930	162	343	16,002	5,616	49,998	NA	22,568 <sup>3/</sup>	NA	18,746 <sup>4/</sup>
1978	721	105,116	146	660	18,088	5,441	49,144	8,913	5,227	9,834	8,469
1982	786	118,899	151	687	22,271	6,140	47,700	16,359	6,772	9,704	9,953
1987	733	117,446	160	717	21,894	9,548	47,651	14,725	5,639	8,425	9,564
1992	657	112,409	171	691	22,700	6,438	41,838	15,234	5,375	10,406	10,418
1997	567	106,292	187	1,023	21,896	6,631	38,572	14,154	4,343	11,064	9,632
<sup>5/</sup> 1997	602	106,012	176	1,053	21,481	6,907	38,346	14,406	4,365	10,999	9,508
<sup>5/</sup> 2002	582	105,524	181	1,260	28,797	3,124	36,233	19,947	4,286	7,536	5,601

<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 <sup>1/</sup>	180-499 <sup>1/</sup>	500-999	1,000-1,999 <sup>2/</sup>	2000+	
1909	221	813	652	111	6	1	NA	1,804
1919	284	847	660	104	7	2	NA	1,904
1924	213	808	594	91	6	1	NA	1,713
1929	327	801	627	102	11	3	NA	1,871
1934	301	629	582	122	11	3	NA	1,648
1939	171	514	668	121	9	2	NA	1,485
1944	237	526	640	123	8	1	NA	1,535
1949	167	417	663	140	11	1	NA	1,399
1954	220	393	596	127	8	1	NA	1,345
1959	152	236	478	158	13	2	NA	1,039
1964	151	160	397	168	21	-	1	898
1969	89	96	345	156	26	2	1	715
1974	71	99	329	158	36	4	1	698
1978	71	137	312	166	33	2	-	721
1982	85	152	344	163	34	7	1	786
1987	77	128	320	171	29	7	1	733
1992	71	109	291	145	31	7	3	657
1997	34	117	234	132	42	6	2	567
<sup>3/</sup> 1997	38	133	253	132	38	6	2	602
<sup>3/</sup> 2002	21	141	254	128	30	7	1	582

<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	11,264	18,139	13,625	18,096	16,024	15,626	11,875
a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse <sup>1/</sup>	6,619	12,045	6,909	12,546	11,108	10,753	6,106
Grains, oilseeds .....	91	189	89	184	80	NA	D
Tobacco .....	5,765	11,492	6,063	11,058	10,467	10,097	4,991
Hay and other crops .....	302	298	308	480	339	NA	350
b. Livestock, poultry and their products <sup>2/</sup>	4,645	6,094	6,716	5,550	4,916	4,873	5,769
Poultry and eggs .....	D	NA	NA	D	2	2	D
Milk and Other Dairy products .....	934	D	527	363	392	401	356
Cattle & Calves .....	3,216	4,033	4,819	4,805	4,004	3,951	4,601
Hogs & Pigs .....	302	178	145	79	69	70	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	56,944	NA	105,558	NA	NA	19,549
1944	NA	206,498	NA	173,284	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	277,201	444,239	334,783	87,863	79,072	NA
1954	NA	206,365	NA	212,320	112,865	NA	173,805
1959	NA	261,055	260,335	257,720	183,410	35,920	NA
1964	NA	425,985	216,195	347,825	233,255	44,498	208,345
1969	3,319,000	409,962	413,560	576,756	231,291	38,802	232,967
1974	5,551,000	721,000	564,000	700,000	NA	71,000	634,000
1978	NA	882,000	765,000	806,000	671,000	143,000	427,000
1982	NA	876,000	779,000	1,677,000	1,474,000	149,000	583,000
1987	8,421,000	872,000	1,648,000	1,182,000	668,000	157,000	678,000
1992	10,090,000	785,000	1,070,000	1,726,000	942,000	227,000	927,000
1997	10,622,000	714,000	881,000	1,511,000	961,000	392,000	808,000
<sup>2/</sup> 1997	10,873,000	713,000	982,000	1,579,000	814,000 <sup>3/</sup>	395,000	797,000 <sup>4/</sup>
<sup>2/</sup> 2002	12,529,000	1,100,000	1,176,000	1,753,000	1,164,000	164,000	892,000

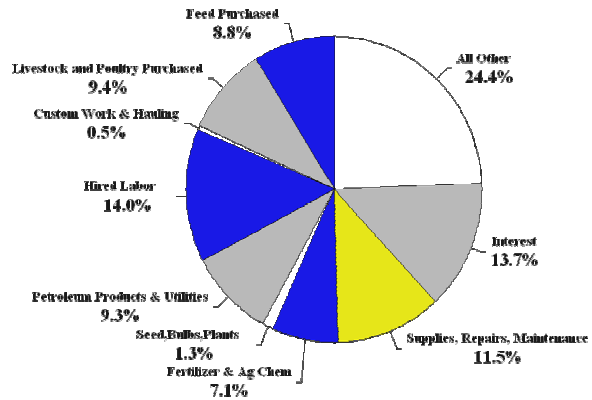
<sup>1/</sup>1987 - 2002 includes cost of custom applications. (NA) Data Not Available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms. <sup>2/</sup>Shaded 1997-2002 data adjusted for coverage. <sup>3/</sup> 1997 does not include utilities <sup>4/</sup> 1997 does not include lime 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 .....	391	346	287	295	345
Other .....	342	311	280	307	237
<b>Age group</b>					
Under 25 Years .....	9	14	7	6	2
25 to 34 Years .....	79	75	58	65	23
35 to 44 Years .....	130	126	109	117	134
45 to 54 Years .....	152	130	116	128	135
55 to 64 Years .....	155	114	125	129	126
65 and over .....	208	198	152	157	162
Average Age .....	54.3	53.6	54.0	53.8	55.0

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

## U.S. CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE SPECIFIED FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES, 2002 NICHOLAS



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	11,952	-	-	-	11,952	100	-
1910	10,601	-	-	-	10,601	100	89
1920	9,894	-	-	-	9,894	100	93
1930	8,571	-	-	-	8,571	100	87
1940	8,617	-	-	-	8,617	100	101
1950	7,532	-	-	-	7,532	100	87
1960	6,677	-	-	-	6,677	100	89
1970	6,508	-	-	-	6,508	100	97
1980	7,157	-	-	-	7,157	100	110
1990	6,725	-	-	-	6,725	100	94
2000	6,813	-	-	-	6,813	100	101

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

## KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS FACTS

### NICHOLAS COUNTY'S RANK

<u>CROPS - 2003 PRODUCTION</u>	<u>RANK</u>
Corn for Grain . . . . .	75
Soybean . . . . .	*
Winter Wheat . . . . .	*
Sorghum . . . . .	*
Burley Tobacco . . . . .	26
Dark Fired Tobacco . . . . .	*
Dark Air Tobacco . . . . .	*
Alfalfa Hay . . . . .	20
All Other Hay . . . . .	25
Barley for Grain . . . . .	*

#### LIVESTOCK INVENTORY

Cattle & Calves, Jan 1, 2004 . . . . .	40
Beef Cows, Jan 1, 2004 . . . . .	37
Milk Production . . . . .	*

\* - None or No Estimate Available

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

Year	All Cattle & Calves <u>2/</u>	Beef Cows <u>2/ 3/</u> (Head)	Hogs & Pigs <u>4/</u>
1930	6,118	NA	4,096
1935	7,489	NA	4,405
1940	6,511	NA	4,867
1945	8,794	NA	3,847
1950	11,157	NA	7,469
1955	9,758	NA	3,725
1960	14,600	NA	7,150
1965	14,100	NA	3,200
1970	18,500	NA	6,300
1975	29,200	NA	2,000
1980	26,000	11,000	3,500
1985	24,000	12,000	800
1990	21,000	11,000	600
1995	25,000	13,000	500
2000	18,000	10,000	NA
2001	18,500	10,600	NA
2002	19,000	10,900	NA
2003	22,700	12,100	NA
2004	22,000	12,000	NA

### CASH RECEIPTS 1980 - 2003

Year	Total Crop Receipts	Total Livestock Receipts	Total Cash Receipts
(Thousand Dollars)			
1980	8,369	7,845	16,214
1985	13,000	5,481	18,481
1990	10,049	7,540	17,589
1995	8,778	6,912	15,690
2000	8,549	5,681	14,230
2001	7,081	5,237	12,318
2002	4,758	4,569	9,327
2003	5,999	6,019	12,018

### 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	2,913	NA	NA
1935	3,370	NA	NA
1940	3,183	NA	NA
1945	4,815	NA	NA
1950	3,849	NA	NA
1955	3,491	NA	NA
1960	3,250	4,280	13,910
1965	2,500	5,150	12,875
1970	1,700	6,200	10,540
1975	1,200	7,100	8,520
1980	1,400	8,500	11,900
1985	1,000	8,600	8,600
1990	500	10,800	5,400
1995	500	11,400	5,700
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.

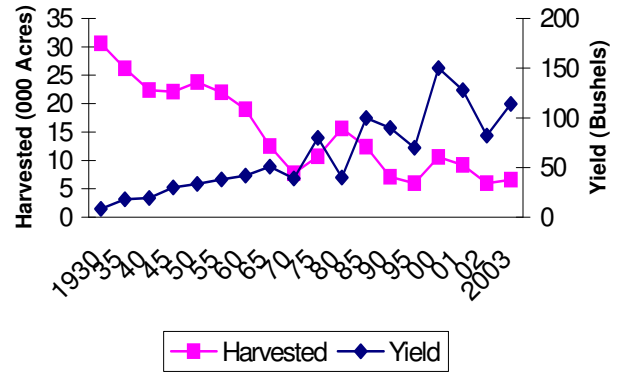
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## CORN 1930 - 2003

Year	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested 1/	Yield Harv. Acres	Production
				(Bushels)
1930	NA	10,000	8.4	84,000
1935	NA	8,500	31.3	266,000
1940	NA	7,500	25.7	193,000
1945	NA	5,300	40.0	212,000
1950	NA	5,100	45.0	230,000
1955	NA	4,800	47.5	228,000
1960	NA	4,000	46.5	186,000
1965	2,600	2,200	66.0	145,000
1970	2,300	1,600	64.0	102,400
1975	4,200	2,300	76.0	174,800
1980	3,500	2,500	84.0	210,000
1985	4,000	2,300	97.0	223,100
1990	2,300	1,800	90.0	162,000
1995	2,100	1,400	85.0	119,000
2000	NA	NA	NA	NA
2001	800	600	139.0	83,400
2002	1,400	1,000	73.0	73,000
2003	1,200	1,000	106.0	106,000

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

## Corn 1930 - 2003



## HAY 1975 - 2003

Year	ALFALFA HAY			ALL OTHER HAY		
	Acres Harv.	Yield Harv. Acres	Prod.	Acres Harv.	Yield Harv. Acres	Production
						(Tons)
1975	1,200	2.80	3,400	12,500	1.80	22,500
1980	1,500	2.80	4,200	12,500	1.60	20,000
1985	2,000	3.00	6,000	17,500	1.90	33,300
1990	1,500	3.20	4,800	17,400	1.70	29,580
1995	2,500	3.40	8,500	19,200	2.00	38,400
2000	2,900	3.80	11,020	20,300	1.80	36,540
2001	3,300	3.90	12,870	19,500	1.80	35,100
2002	5,300	2.50	13,250	21,500	1.50	32,250
2003	4,500	3.20	14,400	24,500	3.00	73,500

(NA)Data Not Available.

## BURLEY TOBACCO 1935 - 2003

Year	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production
			(Pounds)
1935	3,200	800	2,560,000
1940	4,150	980	4,067,000
1945	5,285	970	5,126,000
1950	3,830	1,139	4,362,000
1955	2,875	1,335	3,838,000
1960	2,740	1,600	4,384,000
1965	2,510	2,110	5,296,000
1970	1,920	2,620	5,030,000
1975	2,400	2,600	6,240,000
1980	2,530	1,845	4,671,000
1985	2,630	2,380	6,255,000
1990	2,520	2,145	5,405,000
1995	1,885	2,035	3,839,000
2000	1,920	1,990	3,821,000
2001	1,480	1,755	2,597,000
2002	1,320	1,305	1,722,000
2003	1,590	1,765	2,809,000

(NA)Data Not Available.

## WINTER WHEAT 1930 - 2003

Year	Acres Planted 1/	Acres Harvested	Yield Harv. Acres	Production
				(Bushels)
1930	460	440	14.1	6,200
1935	3,700	3,500	12.0	42,000
1940	4,230	2,980	13.1	38,900
1945	2,310	1,500	16.4	24,600
1950	NA	1,800	18.0	32,400
1955	3,430	1,200	20.5	24,600
1960	NA	700	25.0	17,500
1965	2,100	600	27.0	16,200
1970	2,000	500	35.0	17,500
1975	1,400	400	30.0	12,000
1980	NA	NA	NA	NA
1985	NA	NA	NA	NA
1990	NA	NA	NA	NA
1995	NA	NA	NA	NA
2000	3,500	500	55.0	27,500
2001	NA	NA	NA	NA
2002	NA	NA	NA	NA
2003	NA	NA	NA	NA

1/Wheat planted preceding Fall. (NA)Data Not Available.