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The Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture is pleased to present this edition of current and historical agricultural information for Kentucky's leading industry. There are many changes taking place in today's agriculture across the Commonwealth and the statistical series in this pamphlet track these developments.

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Director

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

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 2/	Other Land	Woodland	
Harvested	Not Harvested	Pasture 2/	Pasture	Pasture	Pasture	Other					
1909	2,459	204,450	83	31	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,407	170,821	71	63	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,381	193,823	81	44	66,000	23,154	42,004	6,787	37,895	4,128	13,855
1929	1,927	171,043	89	33	63,315	18,772	41,874	7,807	24,718	5,532	9,025
1934	2,023	184,462	91	25	66,489	24,762	46,509	5,400	20,482	6,001	14,819
1939	1,647	175,768	107	25	57,148	20,944	40,300	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,608	176,554	110	41	65,051	20,759	34,804	19,821	15,992	4,662	15,465
1949	1,480	181,959	123	49	68,014	25,395	39,526	7,925	15,108	7,451	18,540
1954	1,326	171,097	129	70	64,508	17,379	42,370	5,435	16,172	6,573	18,660
1959	1,057	153,130	145	109	60,233	19,563	32,437	4,625	14,439	5,614	16,219
1964	808	148,266	183	151	51,109	24,968	29,270	8,301	10,117	6,918	17,577
1969	861	157,202	183	202	56,184	30,318	27,606	NA	19,148 3/	NA	23,946 4/
1974	698	164,832	236	344	83,151	7,355	26,339	NA	20,646 3/	NA	27,341 4/
1978	690	166,986	242	882	98,913	7,420	20,408	6,178	7,554	9,068	17,445
1982	594	155,597	262	787	97,100	2,697	16,631	9,541	7,175	5,680	16,773
1987	492	136,561	278	714	74,551	21,485	12,737	6,538	4,879	4,417	11,954
1992	466	140,432	301	801	87,075	9,838	15,668	6,224	3,769	4,340	13,518
1997	455	136,292	300	1,122	90,027	5,962	14,378	5,377	4,776	4,219	11,553
5/ 1997	524	147,402	281	1,114	96,573	6,734	15,639	5,994	5,372	4,486	12,604
5/ 2002	595	159,496	268	1,410	96,313	17,835	9,503	6,966	8,968	3,344	16,567

1/Due to changes in the definition of a farm, Farm Numbers and Land in Farms are not always comparable from Census to Census. 2/Due to changes in definition and wording of question, figures for Cropland Pasture and Other Pasture are not always comparable from Census to Census. 3/Includes Other Pasture. 4/Includes Woodland Pasture. (NA)Data Not Available. (-)Zero. 5/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 1/	180-499 175-499 1/	500-999	1,000-1,999 1,000-OVER 2/	2000+	
1909	111	900	1,228	204	15	1	NA	2,459
1919	147	973	1,111	171	5	-	-	2,407
1924	213	740	1,183	232	13	-	-	2,381
1929	111	574	1,020	214	8	-	-	1,927
1934	125	528	1,155	204	11	-	-	2,023
1939	93	322	998	219	14	1	NA	1,647
1944	100	342	914	234	16	2	NA	1,608
1949	90	281	792	297	18	2	NA	1,480
1954	110	245	676	264	25	6	NA	1,326
1959	93	180	491	251	41	1	-	1,057
1964	46	108	370	237	38	8	1	808
1969	51	125	415	206	51	12	1	861
1974	17	99	302	199	62	16	3	698
1978	53	122	229	199	61	23	3	690
1982	51	92	210	147	70	18	6	594
1987	42	84	180	107	50	22	7	492
1992	28	92	159	112	39	28	8	466
1997	31	84	166	106	34	27	7	455
3/ 1997	36	101	193	122	37	28	7	524
3/ 2002	27	130	249	124	29	27	9	595

1/1909-1929. 2/1909-1959. (-)Zero. (NA)Data Not Available. 3/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	20,114	22,269	17,374	24,442	31,584	36,523	77,346
a. Crops, including nursery and greenhouse <sup>1/</sup>	15,214	19,160	13,849	19,696	22,965	24,454	17,096
Grains, oilseeds .....	14,091	17,801	12,944	18,001	21,349	NA	15,903
Tobacco .....	960	1,179	675	1,446	1,401	1,386	997
Hay and other crops .....	88	111	200	231	144	NA	168
b. Livestock, poultry and their products <sup>2/</sup>	4,899	3,109	3,525	4,746	8,620	12,069	60,250
Poultry and eggs .....	7	2	4	-	5,122	8,302	55,550
Milk and Other Dairy products .....	D	D	D	D	D	D	115
Cattle & Calves .....	2,310	1,677	2,049	3,323	3,006	3,192	4,286
Hogs & Pigs .....	2,498	1,303	1,418	1,354	414	485	198

<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	45,670	NA	42,692	13,285	NA	25,843
1944	NA	239,369	NA	109,034	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	288,040	301,565	183,619	187,130	97,485	NA
1954	NA	356,240	NA	179,765	247,740	NA	315,515
1959	NA	511,880	187,980	128,150	269,290	77,250	NA
1964	NA	677,205	201,695	210,725	291,355	141,475	406,155
1969	4,885,000	790,607	638,801	241,773	429,673	206,784	655,804
1974	9,007,000	1,114,000	609,000	296,000	804,000	573,000	2,157,000
1978	NA	773,000	579,000	656,000	1,406,000	991,000	3,768,000
1982	NA	754,000	422,000	664,000	2,148,000	1,187,000	3,662,000
1987	12,799,000	600,000	532,000	1,017,000	D	1,019,000	3,509,000
1992	17,529,000	862,000	1,347,000	1,261,000	1,644,000	1,363,000	4,744,000
1997	22,150,000	4,125,000	1,790,000	1,207,000	1,364,000	2,101,000	5,272,000
<sup>2/</sup> 1997	24,708,000	5,406,000	2,008,000	1,303,000	1,229,000 <sup>3/</sup>	2,205,000	5,631,000 <sup>4/</sup>
<sup>2/</sup> 2002	55,622,000	24,939,000	7,036,000	1,401,000	3,470,000	1,965,000	4,973,000

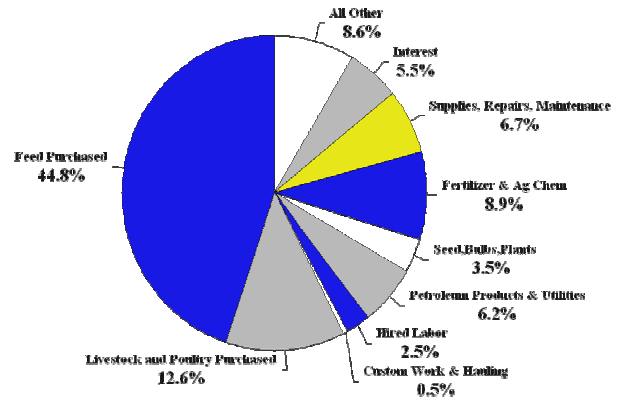
<sup>1/</sup>1987 - 2002 includes cost of custom applications. (NA)Data Not Available. (D)Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms. <sup>2/</sup>Shaded 1997-2002 data adjusted for coverage. <sup>3/</sup> 1997 does not include utilities <sup>4/</sup> 1997 does not include lime 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>
Principal occupation					
Farming .....	242	224	211	233	300
Other .....	250	242	244	291	295
Age group					
Under 25 Years .....	10	16	13	15	7
25 to 34 Years .....	47	41	32	39	36
35 to 44 Years .....	132	96	91	107	93
45 to 54 Years .....	76	94	123	147	144
55 to 64 Years .....	109	81	79	88	144
65 and over .....	118	138	117	128	171
Average Age .....	52.3	53.3	53.0	52.5	55.3

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

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



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	20,097	-	-	-	20,097	100	-
1910	20,974	-	-	-	20,974	100	104
1920	20,762	4,151	20	-	16,611	80	79
1930	20,534	4,742	23	114	15,792	77	95
1940	19,198	4,397	23	92	14,801	77	94
1950	15,555	3,905	25	89	11,650	75	79
1960	14,244	3,771	26	97	10,473	74	90
1970	13,282	4,270	32	113	9,012	68	86
1980	14,832	4,434	30	104	10,398	70	115
1990	13,955	4,123	30	93	9,832	70	95
2000	14,120	3,001	21	101	11,119	79	113

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

## KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS FACTS

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\* - 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>	Hogs & Pigs <sup>4/</sup>
		(Head)	
1930	6,082	NA	6,878
1935	10,270	NA	15,802
1940	8,932	NA	12,799
1945	10,217	NA	17,662
1950	10,734	NA	23,254
1955	13,063	NA	18,337
1960	13,400	NA	26,700
1965	18,200	NA	23,700
1970	19,200	NA	38,400
1975	23,700	NA	24,200
1980	14,000	7,000	18,500
1985	12,000	5,800	4,500
1990	10,000	5,100	8,800
1995	12,000	5,900	8,000
2000	10,000	5,100	1,500
2001	9,700	4,800	NA
2002	11,500	5,300	NA
2003	11,000	5,300	NA
2004	10,500	5,300	NA

### CASH RECEIPTS 1980 - 2003

Year	Total Crop Receipts	Total Livestock Receipts	Total Cash Receipts
	(Thousand Dollars)		
1980	24,131	5,763	29,894
1985	21,160	2,919	24,079
1990	20,319	4,822	25,141
1995	24,421	3,831	28,252
2000	19,742	48,019	67,761
2001	20,610	55,627	76,237
2002	20,089	53,302	73,391
2003	20,802	64,130	84,932

### 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	3,468	NA	NA
1935	4,509	NA	NA
1940	3,753	NA	NA
1945	6,052	NA	NA
1950	3,437	NA	NA
1955	2,167	NA	NA
1960	1,050	4,230	4,442
1965	500	4,600	2,300
1970	400	5,700	2,280
1975	200	8,170	1,634
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.

**WEBSTER COUNTY**

### CORN 1930 - 2003

Year	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested 1/	Yield Harv. Acres	Production
				(Bushels)
1930	NA	35,800	9.4	337,000
1935	NA	32,900	19.2	632,000
1940	NA	27,800	20.0	556,000
1945	NA	30,000	31.3	939,000
1950	NA	30,100	31.0	933,000
1955	NA	33,000	43.0	1,419,000
1960	NA	32,200	50.5	1,626,000
1965	23,100	22,200	77.0	1,709,000
1970	32,000	30,000	41.0	1,230,000
1975	36,000	35,000	87.0	3,045,000
1980	49,000	48,400	70.0	3,388,000
1985	44,000	43,200	105.0	4,536,000
1990	41,000	40,500	116.0	4,698,000
1995	43,000	42,700	108.0	4,611,600
2000	43,000	42,500	141.0	5,992,500
2001	39,500	38,000	141.0	5,358,000
2002	33,100	33,000	89.0	2,937,000
2003	30,800	30,400	147.0	4,468,800

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

### WINTER WHEAT 1930 - 2003

Year	Acres Planted 1/	Acres Harvested	Yield Harv. Acres	Production
				(Bushels)
1930	2,680	2,550	14.5	37,000
1935	6,890	6,600	8.0	52,500
1940	5,790	5,240	15.8	82,600
1945	9,990	6,990	12.4	86,700
1950	NA	5,500	15.5	85,200
1955	4,820	4,100	19.0	77,900
1960	NA	3,400	26.0	88,400
1965	4,200	3,500	31.0	108,500
1970	3,400	2,900	37.0	107,300
1975	8,100	7,600	35.0	266,000
1980	7,500	6,800	35.0	238,000
1985	8,500	6,200	34.0	210,800
1990	7,500	6,500	38.0	247,000
1995	7,000	6,400	59.0	377,600
2000	3,200	2,300	59.0	135,700
2001	1,800	1,600	62.0	99,200
2002	3,500	3,300	53.0	174,900
2003	2,100	1,800	66.0	118,800

1/Wheat planted preceding Fall. (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)
1975	700	2.10	1,500	11,000	1.50	16,500
1980	NA	NA	NA	10,000	1.50	15,000
1985	NA	NA	NA	9,500	1.90	18,100
1990	500	3.60	1,800	9,700	2.10	20,370
1995	1,200	4.10	4,920	10,200	2.30	23,460
2000	NA	NA	NA	10,000	2.60	26,000
2001	500	4.10	2,050	10,000	2.30	23,000
2002	600	2.40	1,440	9,700	1.80	17,460
2003	500	3.10	1,550	11,000	2.10	23,100

(NA) Data Not Available.

### BURLEY TOBACCO 1935 - 2003

Year	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acres	Production
			(Pounds)
1935	10	720	7,000
1940	15	970	15,000
1945	220	1,050	231,000
1950	200	860	172,000
1955	160	1,200	192,000
1960	130	1,380	179,000
1965	140	1,690	237,000
1970	85	2,100	179,000
1975	110	2,030	223,000
1980	100	1,875	187,600
1985	120	2,210	265,000
1990	155	1,970	305,000
1995	110	1,975	217,000
2000	100	2,075	207,600
2001	67	2,385	159,800
2002	63	2,055	129,400
2003	76	2,075	157,700

(NA) Data Not Available.

### SOYBEANS 1950 - 2003

Year	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested 1/	Yield Harv. Acres	Production
				(Bushels)
1950	NA	5,100	15.0	76,000
1955	NA	7,000	16.5	116,000
1960	NA	12,100	22.5	272,000
1965	NA	16,000	23.5	376,000
1970	NA	22,600	27.0	610,200
1975	38,700	38,300	30.0	1,149,000
1980	48,000	47,500	24.0	1,140,000
1985	36,000	35,600	32.0	1,139,200
1990	40,000	39,200	33.0	1,293,600
1995	40,000	39,500	36.0	1,422,000
2000	35,800	35,500	42.0	1,491,000
2001	37,500	37,100	43.0	1,595,300
2002	43,400	43,000	32.0	1,376,000
2003	37,200	37,100	46.0	1,706,600

1/Harvested for Beans. (NA) Data Not Available.

### DARK AIR TOBACCO 1935 - 2003

Year	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acres	Production
			(Pounds)
1935	2,100	830	1,743,000
1940	2,900	820	2,378,000
1945	2,300	990	2,277,000
1950	1,610	1,010	1,626,000
1955	1,240	1,335	1,655,000
1960	670	1,360	911,000
1965	615	1,720	1,058,000
1970	285	1,670	476,000
1975	265	1,580	419,000
1980	280	1,565	438,200
1985	390	1,670	651,300
1990	145	2,085	302,000
1995	225	1,950	439,000
2000	285	2,700	769,000
2001	245	2,665	653,000
2002	165	2,285	377,000
2003	220	2,495	549,000

(NA) Data Not Available.