

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Spencer, Kentucky

Number of farms

623 farms in 2002, 646 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

77,525 acres in 2002, 84,441 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

124 acres in 2002, 131 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$11,381,000 in 2002, \$19,988,000 in 1997, down 43 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,970,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,411,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

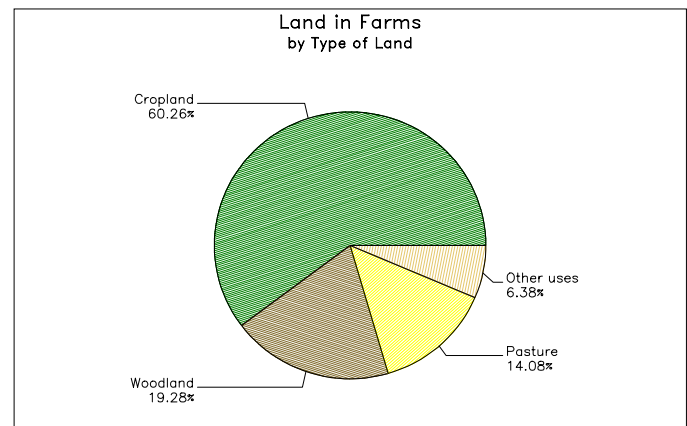
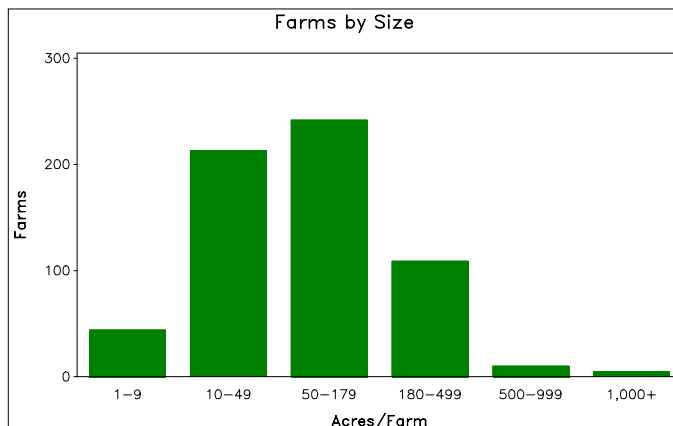
\$18,268 in 2002, \$30,941 in 1997, down 41 percent.

Government Payments

\$312,000 in 2002, \$237,000 in 1997, up 32 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,399 in 2002, \$1,391 in 1997, up 72 percent.



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County Profile
United States Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 120 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	11,381	73	120	2,443	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,970	57	120	1,888	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,411	76	120	2,399	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,150	44	117	1,740	2,871
Tobacco	3,552	50	114	134	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	389	13	111	1,084	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	6	88	112	2,331	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,345	24	106	967	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	49	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	527	48	120	1,857	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	75	115	2,316	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,595	68	120	1,994	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,463	33	106	1,170	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	104	111	2,747	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	76	120	2,263	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	175	76	118	1,247	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	163	7	100	678	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	13,586	66	120	1,814	3,059
Horses and ponies	728	71	119	1,688	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	408	68	119	2,057	2,983
All Goats	375	64	119	1,259	2,971
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	58	103	(D)	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,093	51	120	1,145	3,059
Soybeans	3,912	45	100	1,251	2,076
Corn for grain	2,793	44	117	1,466	2,592
Tobacco	1,031	47	114	127	563
All Wheat for grain	755	41	101	1,641	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	130	Farming	304
\$1,000 to \$2,499	105	Other	319
\$2,500 to \$4,999	72		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	92	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	102	Male	571
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	52
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	32		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	940
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,585	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	20,233	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	206	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	331	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

Spencer 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997

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	ALL FARMS	
	2002	1997
Farms.....number..	623	646
Land in farms.....acres..	77,525	84,441
Average size of farm.....acres..	124	131
Median size of farm.....acres..	90	N/A
Estimated market value of land and buildings 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	326,013	253,000
Average per acre.....dollars..	2,540	1,841
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	37,571	33,002
Farms by size:		
1 to 9 acres..	44	67
10 to 49 acres..	213	177
50 to 179 acres..	242	267
180 to 499 acres..	109	111
500 to 999 acres..	10	19
1,000 acres or more..	5	5
Total cropland.....farms..	578	600
acres..	46,714	57,812
Harvested cropland.....farms..	499	547
acres..	27,501	31,820
Irrigated land.....farms..	45	46
acres..	779	643
Market value of agricultural products sold.\$1,000..	11,381	19,988
Average per farm.....dollars..	18,268	30,941
Crops (including nursery and greenhouse)...\$1,000..	6,970	11,992
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000..	4,411	7,996
Principal operator by primary occupation:		
Farming.....number..	304	248
Other.....number..	319	398
Principal operator by days worked off farm:		
Any.....number..	368	385
200 days or more.....number..	273	280

1/ Data are based on a sample of farms.

Legend:

- Represents zero.
- (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
- (NA) Not available or not published. Some historic data are not published because they are not comparable, electronic files are unavailable, or re-summarizing could compromise respondent confidentiality.
- (X) Not applicable
- (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

There is a significant difference in the measurements from the 1997 Census of Agriculture to the 2002 Census of Agriculture. For the first time, data for every county and state have been statistically adjusted to account for farms missed or misclassified in the census. For more information go to:
<http://www.usda.gov/nass/events/news/methodology.htm>

Spencer 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997
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ALL FARMS
2002 1997

Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory.....	farms..	348	409
	number..	13,586	18,787
Beef cows.....	farms..	311	350
	number..	7,496	7,823
Milk cows.....	farms..	21	45
	number..	1,081	2,757
Cattle and calves sold.....	farms..	287	394
	number..	5,532	9,634
Hogs and pigs inventory.....	farms..	1	8
	number..	(D)	367
Hogs and pigs sold.....	farms..	4	6
	number..	52	317
Sheep and lambs inventory.....	farms..	11	5
	number..	68	37
Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory.....	farms..	17	12
	number..	408	176
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold.....	farms..	-	1
	number..	-	(D)
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain.....	farms..	34	55
	acres..	2,793	4,219
	bushels..	197,177	307,822
Winter wheat for grain.....	farms..	11	14
	acres..	755	587
	bushels..	27,427	22,881
Barley for grain.....	farms..	-	-
	acres..	-	-
	bushels..	-	-
Sorghum for grain.....	farms..	-	-
	acres..	-	-
	bushels..	-	-
Soybeans for beans.....	farms..	30	42
	acres..	3,912	6,309
	bushels..	106,135	163,830
Tobacco.....	farms..	258	385
	acres..	1,031	2,625
	pounds..	1,891,721	5,299,613
Forage - land used for all hay and all haylage, grass silage, and greenchop.....	farms..	386	(NA)
	acres..	19,093	(NA)
	tons, dry..	40,111	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale.....	farms..	7	4
	acres..	164	(D)
Land in orchards.....	farms..	11	7
	acres..	89	33

Source:

2002 Census of Agriculture, Volume 1 Geographic Area Series, Chapter 1 State Data and Chapter 2 - County Data. This presents summary statistics for Kentucky and each county with comparable data from the 1997 census. Data for 2002 and 1997 are directly comparable for acreage and inventories. Dollar values have not been adjusted for changes in price levels.