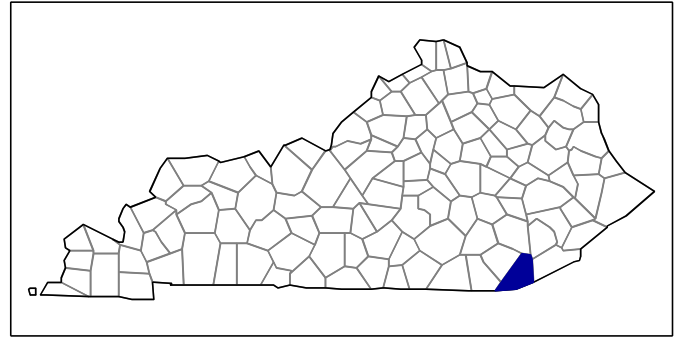




2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



Bell, Kentucky

Number of farms

63 farms in 2002, 67 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

6,900 acres in 2002, 4,862 acres in 1997, up 42 percent.

Average size of farm

110 acres in 2002, 73 acres in 1997, up 51 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$216,000 in 2002, \$143,000 in 1997, up 51 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$60,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$155,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

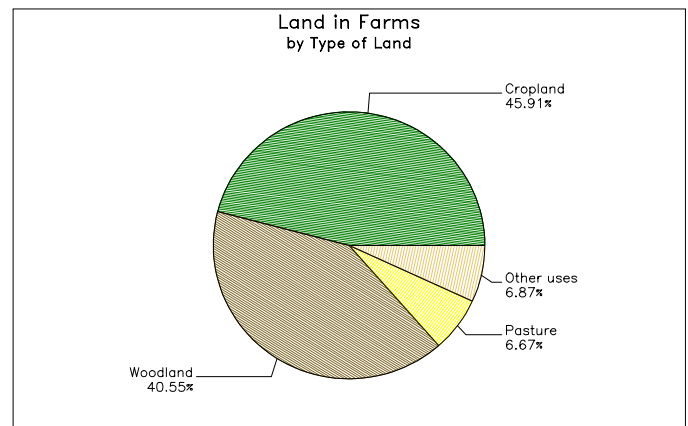
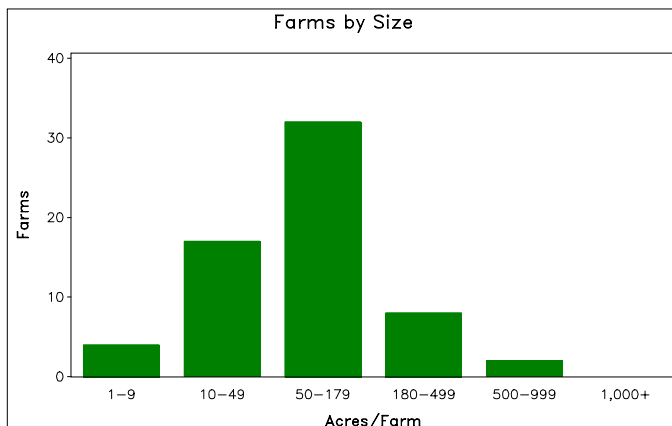
\$3,424 in 2002, \$2,130 in 1997, up 61 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,000 in 2002, (D) in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$335 in 2002, (D) in 1997.



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

Bell, Kentucky

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	216	114	120	3,048	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	60	117	120	3,040	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	155	113	120	3,018	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	117	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	114	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	24	95	111	2,291	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	106	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	6	116	120	3,017	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	115	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	120	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	106	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	111	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	120	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	118	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	100	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	739	113	120	2,950	3,059
Horses and ponies	73	114	119	2,992	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	26	117	119	2,911	2,983
All Goats	(D)	116	119	(D)	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,006	113	120	2,886	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	10	70	(D)	1,877
All Vegetables harvested	31	63	110	1,803	2,710
Pumpkins	(D)	17	92	(D)	1,714
Corn for grain ³	(D)	(D)	117	(D)	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	23	Farming	23
\$1,000 to \$2,499	18	Other	40
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6	Male	61
\$20,000 to \$24,999	-	Female	2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	-		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	-	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	86
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	335	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Average per farm (\$)	5,321	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-119	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-1,893	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.

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CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997

--- ITEM ---

	ALL FARMS	
	2002	1997
Farms.....number..	63	67
Land in farms.....acres..	6,900	4,862
Average size of farm.....acres..	110	73
Median size of farm.....acres..	75	N/A
Estimated market value of land and buildings 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	140,614	121,243
Average per acre.....dollars..	1,326	1,793
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	20,593	13,410
Farms by size:		
1 to 9 acres..	4	4
10 to 49 acres..	17	25
50 to 179 acres..	32	30
180 to 499 acres..	8	8
500 to 999 acres..	2	0
1,000 acres or more..	0	0
Total cropland.....farms..		
acres..	54	57
Harvested cropland.....farms..		
acres..	3,168	1,860
acres..	42	44
acres..	1,117	670
Irrigated land.....farms..		
acres..	3	-
acres..	(D)	-
Market value of agricultural products sold.\$1,000..		
Average per farm.....dollars..	216	143
dollars..	3,424	2,130
Crops (including nursery and greenhouse)...\$1,000..		
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000..	60	36
\$1,000..	155	107
Principal operator by primary occupation:		
Farming.....number..	23	13
Other.....number..	40	54
Principal operator by days worked off farm:		
Any.....number..	44	44
200 days or more.....number..	34	31

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>

Bell 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..	39	42
number..	739	631
Beef cows.....farms..	35	31
number..	468	295
Milk cows.....farms..	-	-
number..	-	-
Cattle and calves sold.....farms..	34	35
number..	433	295
Hogs and pigs inventory.....farms..	-	1
number..	-	(D)
Hogs and pigs sold.....farms..	-	2
number..	-	(D)
Sheep and lambs inventory.....farms..	-	1
number..	-	(D)
Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory....farms..	3	2
number..	26	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold..farms..	-	-
number..	-	-
Selected crops harvested:		
Corn for grain.....farms..	2	(NA)
acres..	(D)	(NA)
bushels..	(D)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Barley for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Sorghum for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Soybeans for beans.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Tobacco.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
pounds..	-	-
Forage - land used for all hay and all haylage, grass silage, and greenchop.....farms..	36	(NA)
acres..	1,006	(NA)
tons, dry..	1,495	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale.....farms..	4	(NA)
acres..	31	(NA)
Land in orchards.....farms..	6	(NA)
acres..	6	(NA)

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.