

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Letcher, Kentucky

Number of farms

46 farms in 2002, 38 farms in 1997, up 21 percent.

Land in farms

2,869 acres in 2002, 3,022 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

62 acres in 2002, 80 acres in 1997, down 23 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$181,000 in 2002, \$65,000 in 1997, up 178 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$121,000 of the total value in 2002.

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

Market Value of Production, average per farm

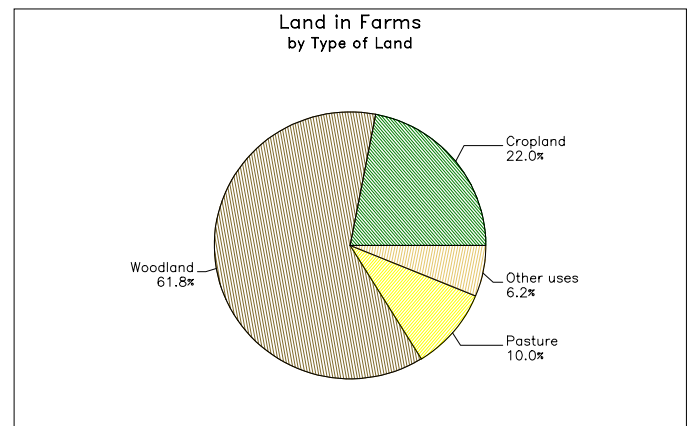
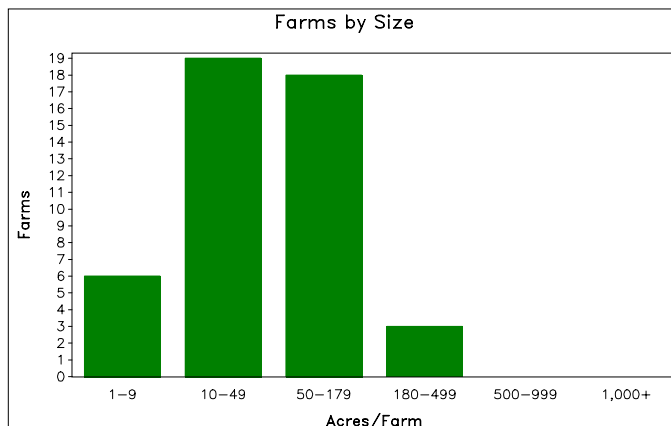
\$3,931 in 2002, \$1,710 in 1997, up 130 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,000 in 2002, \$0 in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$176 in 2002, \$0 in 1997.



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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	181	115	120	3,053	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	121	114	120	3,025	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	60	117	120	3,045	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	68	58	111	1,905	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	7	85	112	2,310	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	106	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	49	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	12	113	120	2,997	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	115	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	120	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	106	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	102	120	2,663	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	118	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	230	89	119	2,398	2,983
Cattle and calves	215	118	120	3,014	3,059
All Goats	164	92	119	1,969	2,971
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	110	57	103	1,761	2,599
Hogs and pigs	(D)	90	112	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	88	119	120	3,031	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	37	54	110	1,730	2,710
Snap beans	18	7	94	438	1,833
Sweet corn	16	36	105	1,142	2,279
Corn for grain	14	115	117	2,497	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	14	Farming	28
\$1,000 to \$2,499	15	Other	18
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2	Male	44
\$20,000 to \$24,999	-	Female	2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	2		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	-		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	-	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	66
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	259	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	5,750	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-88	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-1,961	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.

Letcher 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997

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	ALL FARMS	
	2002	1997
Farms.....number..	46	38
Land in farms.....acres..	2,869	3,022
Average size of farm.....acres..	62	80
Median size of farm.....acres..	25	N/A
Estimated market value of land and buildings 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	66,640	66,477
Average per acre.....dollars..	1,038	811
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	23,673	16,486
Farms by size:		
1 to 9 acres..	6	3
10 to 49 acres..	19	10
50 to 179 acres..	18	24
180 to 499 acres..	3	1
500 to 999 acres..	0	0
1,000 acres or more..	0	0
Total cropland.....farms..		
acres..	34	28
Harvested cropland.....farms..		
acres..	631	541
farms..	19	17
acres..	146	189
Irrigated land.....farms..		
acres..	2	1
acres..	(D)	(D)
Market value of agricultural products sold.\$1,000..		
Average per farm.....dollars..	181	65
dollars..	3,931	1,710
Crops (including nursery and greenhouse)...\$1,000..		
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000..	121	7
\$1,000..	60	58
Principal operator by primary occupation:		
Farming.....number..	28	12
Other.....number..	18	26
Principal operator by days worked off farm:		
Any.....number..	29	26
200 days or more.....number..	26	22

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>

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CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997
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	ALL FARMS	
	2002	1997
Livestock and poultry:		
Cattle and calves inventory.....farms..	23	29
number..	215	309
Beef cows.....farms..	23	25
number..	118	(D)
Milk cows.....farms..	-	1
number..	-	(D)
Cattle and calves sold.....farms..	16	20
number..	68	107
Hogs and pigs inventory.....farms..	2	3
number..	(D)	152
Hogs and pigs sold.....farms..	2	3
number..	(D)	162
Sheep and lambs inventory.....farms..	-	3
number..	-	(D)
Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory....farms..	4	4
number..	230	190
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold..farms..	-	-
number..	-	-
Selected crops harvested:		
Corn for grain.....farms..	4	3
acres..	14	44
bushels..	720	3,000
Winter wheat for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Barley for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Sorghum for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Soybeans for beans.....farms..	2	(NA)
acres..	(D)	(NA)
bushels..	(D)	(NA)
Tobacco.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
pounds..	-	-
Forage - land used for all hay and all haylage, grass silage, and greenchop.....farms..	12	(NA)
acres..	88	(NA)
tons, dry..	229	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale.....farms..	7	(NA)
acres..	37	(NA)
Land in orchards.....farms..	3	3
acres..	5	12

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.