

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mason, Kentucky

Number of farms

726 farms in 2002, 782 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

128,123 acres in 2002, 129,380 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

176 acres in 2002, 165 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$22,354,000 in 2002, \$30,395,000 in 1997, down 26 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,543,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,812,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

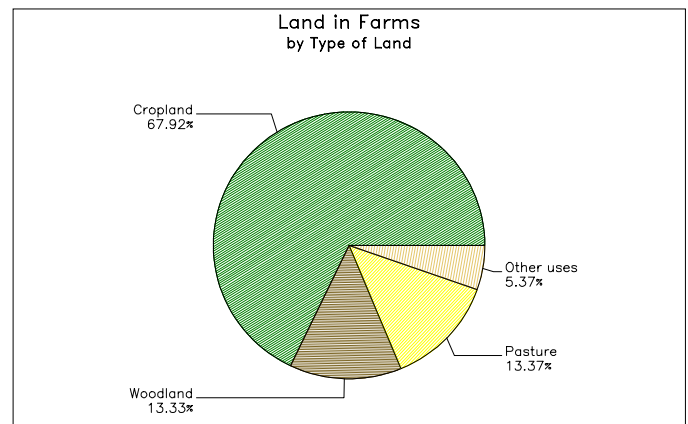
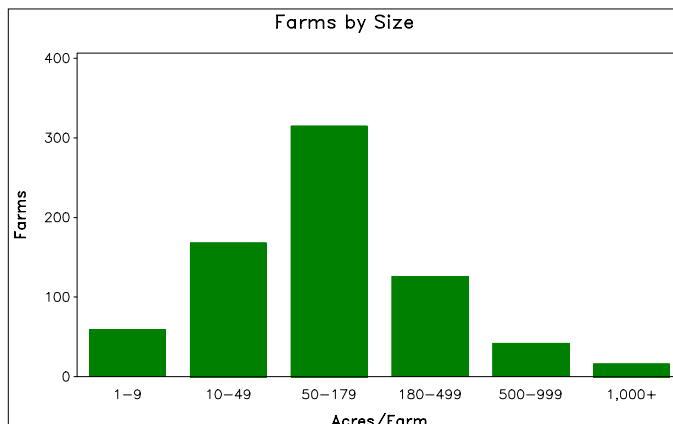
\$30,791 in 2002, \$38,868 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Government Payments

\$735,000 in 2002, \$328,000 in 1997, up 124 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,570 in 2002, \$1,365 in 1997, up 162 percent.



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

Mason, 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	22,354	49	120	1,996	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,543	41	120	1,683	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,812	50	120	1,667	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	117	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	7,288	17	114	65	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	34	35	112	1,746	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	171	64	106	1,886	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	49	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,473	7	120	888	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	89	115	2,562	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,616	41	120	1,427	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,634	15	106	573	2,493
Hogs and pigs	65	51	111	1,614	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	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	26,781	35	120	1,160	3,059
All Goats	1,254	12	119	348	2,971
Horses and ponies	1,142	45	119	1,102	3,065
Hogs and pigs	539	51	112	1,601	2,926
Sheep and lambs	507	17	108	1,448	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,604	24	120	582	3,059
Soybeans	3,500	48	100	1,268	2,076
Corn for silage	2,461	7	106	655	2,307
Corn for grain	2,317	50	117	1,520	2,592
Tobacco	2,274	9	114	50	563

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	102	Farming	443
\$1,000 to \$2,499	100	Other	283
\$2,500 to \$4,999	84		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	113	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	115	Male	631
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Female	95
\$25,000 to \$39,999	59		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	37	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	White	1,023
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	26
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,391	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	29,424	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,323	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	5,947	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12

(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.

Mason 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997

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	ALL FARMS	
	2002	1997
Farms.....number..	726	782
Land in farms.....acres..	128,123	129,380
Average size of farm.....acres..	176	165
Median size of farm.....acres..	113	N/A
Estimated market value of land and buildings 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	369,664	221,572
Average per acre.....dollars..	1,889	1,373
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	58,431	31,741
Farms by size:		
1 to 9 acres..	59	90
10 to 49 acres..	168	147
50 to 179 acres..	315	323
180 to 499 acres..	126	176
500 to 999 acres..	42	34
1,000 acres or more..	16	12
Total cropland.....farms..		
acres..	711	765
Harvested cropland.....farms..		
acres..	87,026	90,397
acres..	654	732
acres..	45,732	43,881
Irrigated land.....farms..		
acres..	23	37
acres..	139	370
Market value of agricultural products sold.\$1,000..		
Average per farm.....dollars..	22,354	30,395
dollars..	30,791	38,868
Crops (including nursery and greenhouse)...\$1,000..		
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000..	9,543	18,666
\$1,000..	12,812	11,729
Principal operator by primary occupation:		
Farming.....number..	443	396
Other.....number..	283	386
Principal operator by days worked off farm:		
Any.....number..	384	415
200 days or more.....number..	281	286

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>

Mason 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..	427	492
number..	26,781	27,569
Beef cows.....farms..	363	395
number..	11,781	11,804
Milk cows.....farms..	49	70
number..	3,166	4,424
Cattle and calves sold.....farms..	372	480
number..	11,981	11,829
Hogs and pigs inventory.....farms..	5	19
number..	539	626
Hogs and pigs sold.....farms..	8	19
number..	826	3,084
Sheep and lambs inventory.....farms..	22	17
number..	507	228
Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory.....farms..	8	2
number..	203	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold..farms..	-	-
number..	-	-
Selected crops harvested:		
Corn for grain.....farms..	72	151
acres..	2,317	4,269
bushels..	146,718	273,150
Winter wheat for grain.....farms..	25	43
acres..	690	968
bushels..	30,196	37,797
Barley for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Sorghum for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Soybeans for beans.....farms..	15	17
acres..	3,500	811
bushels..	51,137	21,941
Tobacco.....farms..	423	623
acres..	2,274	5,622
pounds..	4,074,957	10,982,615
Forage - land used for all hay and all haylage, grass silage, and greenchop.....farms..	522	(NA)
acres..	35,604	(NA)
tons, dry..	78,741	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale.....farms..	9	5
acres..	32	9
Land in orchards.....farms..	6	8
acres..	17	21

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.