

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Meade, Kentucky

#### Number of farms

955 farms in 2002, 964 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

#### Land in farms

134,771 acres in 2002, 129,046 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

#### Average size of farm

141 acres in 2002, 134 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$16,171,000 in 2002, \$19,480,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,876,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,295,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

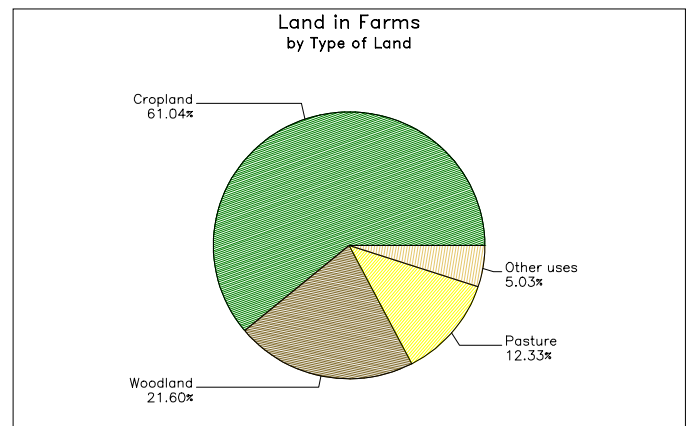
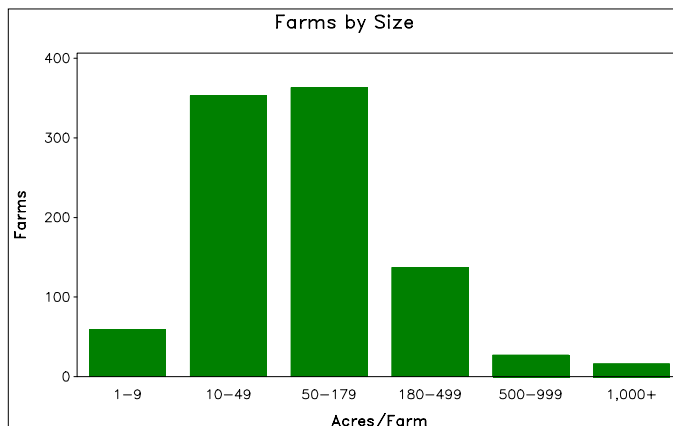
\$16,933 in 2002, \$20,207 in 1997, down 16 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$869,000 in 2002, \$760,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,749 in 2002, \$2,549 in 1997, up 8 percent.



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

**Meade, Kentucky**

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	16,171	63	120	2,232	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,876	58	120	1,896	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,295	59	120	1,936	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,596	30	117	1,357	2,871
Tobacco	1,658	75	114	213	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	79	52	111	1,829	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	112	71	106	2,048	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,397	9	120	932	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3,601	25	115	688	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,502	46	120	1,600	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	602	58	106	1,576	2,493
Hogs and pigs	230	35	111	1,217	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	22	47	120	1,836	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	329	50	118	657	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	10	42	100	1,834	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	394,672	22	103	416	2,599
Cattle and calves	21,591	43	120	1,377	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,412	34	119	830	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,410	24	119	1,156	2,983
Hogs and pigs	1,342	38	112	1,255	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	25,641	38	120	862	3,059
Soybeans	11,903	31	100	994	2,076
Corn for grain	9,071	30	117	1,087	2,592
All Wheat for grain	2,449	24	101	1,205	2,517
Corn for silage	925	30	106	1,139	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	253	Farming	517
\$1,000 to \$2,499	180	Other	438
\$2,500 to \$4,999	107		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	143	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	123	Male	860
\$20,000 to \$24,999	40	Female	95
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	White	1,295
\$500,000 or more	3	Black or African American	27
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	18,515	American Indian or Alaska Native	16
Average per farm (\$)	19,327	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,183	More than one race	17
Average per farm (\$)	1,235	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	17

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

**Meade 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE**

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997

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	ALL FARMS	
	2002	1997
Farms.....number..	955	964
Land in farms.....acres..	134,771	129,046
Average size of farm.....acres..	141	134
Median size of farm.....acres..	75	N/A
Estimated market value of land and buildings 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	300,598	229,989
Average per acre.....dollars..	2,068	1,789
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	46,825	36,240
Farms by size:		
1 to 9 acres..	59	90
10 to 49 acres..	353	331
50 to 179 acres..	363	352
180 to 499 acres..	137	144
500 to 999 acres..	27	38
1,000 acres or more..	16	9
Total cropland.....farms..	863	878
acres..	82,259	86,319
Harvested cropland.....farms..	672	721
acres..	49,025	49,583
Irrigated land.....farms..	5	5
acres..	14	59
Market value of agricultural products sold.\$1,000..	16,171	19,480
Average per farm.....dollars..	16,933	20,207
Crops (including nursery and greenhouse)...\$1,000..	6,876	9,597
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000..	9,295	9,883
Principal operator by primary occupation:		
Farming.....number..	517	314
Other.....number..	438	650
Principal operator by days worked off farm:		
Any.....number..	564	634
200 days or more.....number..	446	476

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>

**Meade 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE**

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997

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ALL FARMS

	2002	1997
<b>Livestock and poultry:</b>		
Cattle and calves inventory.....farms..	560	637
number..	21,591	24,581
Beef cows.....farms..	502	540
number..	12,405	12,874
Milk cows.....farms..	20	23
number..	469	540
Cattle and calves sold.....farms..	473	577
number..	9,627	12,740
Hogs and pigs inventory.....farms..	27	44
number..	1,342	6,117
Hogs and pigs sold.....farms..	19	38
number..	4,823	15,254
Sheep and lambs inventory.....farms..	16	10
number..	220	169
Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory.....farms..	26	24
number..	1,410	345
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold..farms..	12	6
number..	2,240,382	1,408,010
<b>Selected crops harvested:</b>		
Corn for grain.....farms..	85	142
acres..	9,071	10,842
bushels..	640,642	866,607
Winter wheat for grain.....farms..	24	56
acres..	2,449	5,617
bushels..	119,657	273,332
Barley for grain.....farms..	1	6
acres..	(D)	265
bushels..	(D)	14,900
Sorghum for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Soybeans for beans.....farms..	93	116
acres..	11,903	12,982
bushels..	292,837	399,488
Tobacco.....farms..	206	376
acres..	467	931
pounds..	895,364	1,962,999
Forage - land used for all hay and all haylage, grass silage, and greenchop.....farms..	557	(NA)
acres..	25,641	(NA)
tons, dry..	55,001	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale.....farms..	15	10
acres..	41	30
Land in orchards.....farms..	1	4
acres..	(D)	8

**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.