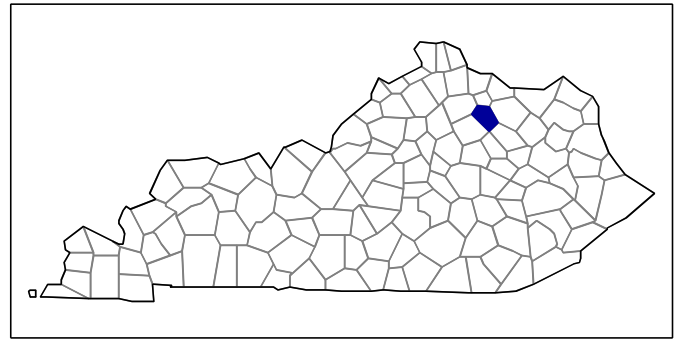




2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



Nicholas, Kentucky

Number of farms

582 farms in 2002, 602 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

105,524 acres in 2002, 106,012 acres in 1997, down slightly.

Average size of farm

181 acres in 2002, 176 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$11,875,000 in 2002, \$15,626,000 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,106,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,769,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

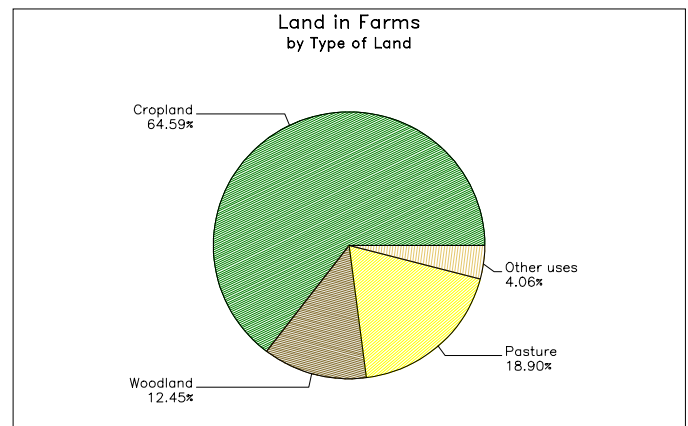
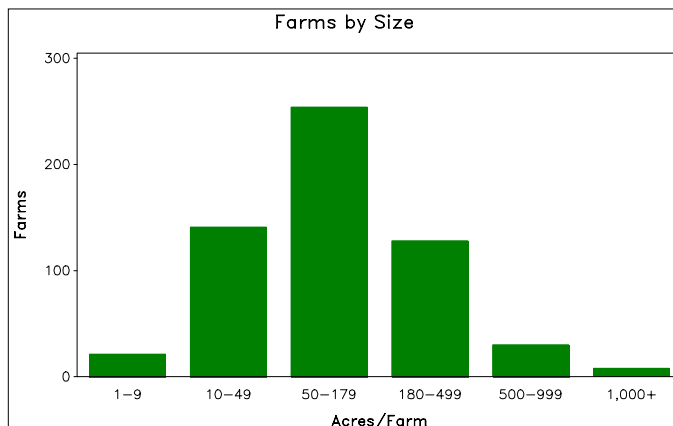
\$20,404 in 2002, \$25,957 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Government Payments

\$216,000 in 2002, \$73,000 in 1997, up 196 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,199 in 2002, \$1,062 in 1997, up 107 percent.



**2002 Census of Agriculture
County Profile
United States Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service**

Nicholas, 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	11,875	72	120	2,418	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,106	64	120	1,974	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,769	69	120	2,255	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	117	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	4,991	31	114	97	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	157	27	111	1,480	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	420	37	106	1,496	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	49	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	350	71	120	2,184	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	115	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,601	45	120	1,585	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	356	66	106	1,798	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	88	120	2,421	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	786	18	118	189	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	7	50	100	1,956	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	22,467	42	120	1,337	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,156	42	119	1,078	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	441	41	103	1,151	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	412	66	119	2,050	2,983
All Goats	232	85	119	1,700	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	26,069	37	120	854	3,059
Tobacco	1,516	26	114	87	563
Corn for grain	678	83	117	1,904	2,592
Corn for silage	389	51	106	1,521	2,307
All Wheat for grain	388	60	101	1,866	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	100
\$1,000 to \$2,499	81
\$2,500 to \$4,999	96
\$5,000 to \$9,999	101
\$10,000 to \$19,999	71
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26
\$25,000 to \$39,999	44
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,529
Average per farm (\$)	21,417
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	280
Average per farm (\$)	478

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	345
Other	237
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	531
Female	51
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	833
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.

Nicholas 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997

--- ITEM ---

	ALL FARMS	
	2002	1997
Farms.....number..	582	602
Land in farms.....acres..	105,524	106,012
Average size of farm.....acres..	181	176
Median size of farm.....acres..	120	N/A
Estimated market value of land and buildings 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	246,861	174,748
Average per acre.....dollars..	1,260	1,053
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	59,123	30,206
Farms by size:		
1 to 9 acres..	21	38
10 to 49 acres..	141	133
50 to 179 acres..	254	253
180 to 499 acres..	128	132
500 to 999 acres..	30	38
1,000 acres or more..	8	8
Total cropland.....farms..		
acres..	558	567
Harvested cropland.....farms..		
acres..	68,154	66,734
acres..	479	512
acres..	28,797	21,481
Irrigated land.....farms..		
acres..	35	41
acres..	171	532
Market value of agricultural products sold.\$1,000..		
Average per farm.....dollars..	11,875	15,626
dollars..	20,404	25,957
Crops (including nursery and greenhouse)...\$1,000..		
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000..	6,106	10,753
\$1,000..	5,769	4,873
Principal operator by primary occupation:		
Farming.....number..	345	295
Other.....number..	237	307
Principal operator by days worked off farm:		
Any.....number..	353	345
200 days or more.....number..	252	242

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>

Nicholas 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..	388	398
number..	22,467	19,791
Beef cows.....farms..	337	354
number..	12,098	10,802
Milk cows.....farms..	14	18
number..	185	401
Cattle and calves sold.....farms..	345	385
number..	9,925	9,840
Hogs and pigs inventory.....farms..	3	8
number..	(D)	374
Hogs and pigs sold.....farms..	6	6
number..	(D)	746
Sheep and lambs inventory.....farms..	4	6
number..	134	111
Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory....farms..	22	18
number..	412	439
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold..farms..	-	3
number..	-	(D)
Selected crops harvested:		
Corn for grain.....farms..	29	41
acres..	678	610
bushels..	49,362	37,280
Winter wheat for grain.....farms..	9	11
acres..	388	184
bushels..	11,744	7,262
Barley for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Sorghum for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Soybeans for beans.....farms..	3	3
acres..	36	51
bushels..	760	1,684
Tobacco.....farms..	260	399
acres..	1,516	3,479
pounds..	2,415,366	6,338,616
Forage - land used for all hay and all haylage, grass silage, and greenchop.....farms..	423	(NA)
acres..	26,069	(NA)
tons, dry..	44,320	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale.....farms..	10	(NA)
acres..	24	(NA)
Land in orchards.....farms..	5	3
acres..	6	6

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.