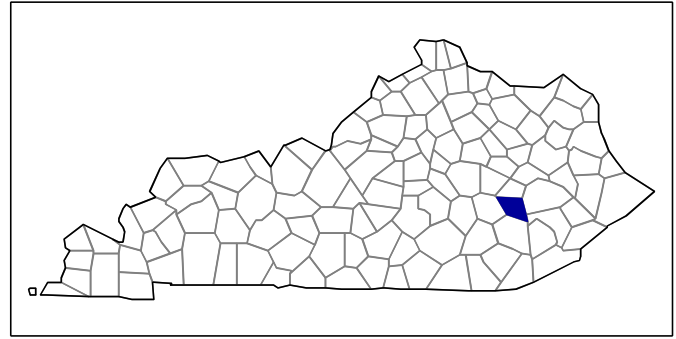




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Owsley, Kentucky

### Number of farms

227 farms in 2002, 260 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

### Land in farms

32,996 acres in 2002, 31,588 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

145 acres in 2002, 121 acres in 1997, up 20 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$1,710,000 in 2002, \$2,769,000 in 1997, down 38 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,420,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$289,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

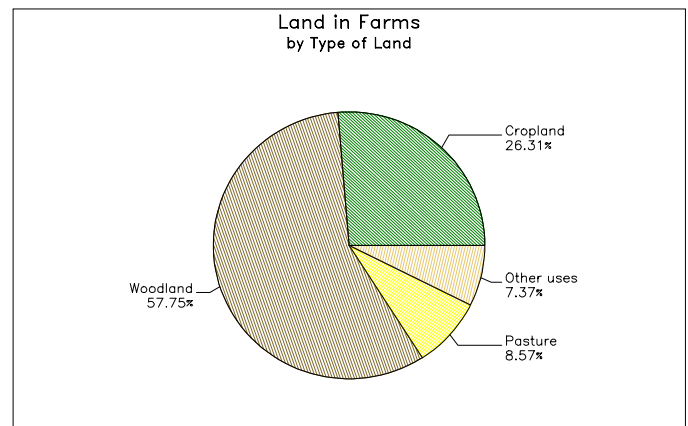
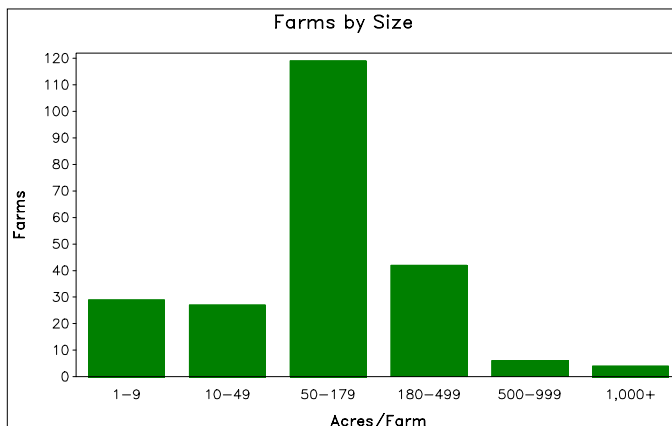
\$7,531 in 2002, \$10,649 in 1997, down 29 percent.

### Government Payments

\$33,000 in 2002, \$12,000 in 1997, up 175 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,502 in 2002, \$1,135 in 1997, up 32 percent.



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**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	1,710	105	120	2,963	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,420	103	120	2,620	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	289	111	120	2,996	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	117	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	1,348	83	114	233	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	19	96	111	2,336	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	38	110	120	2,936	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	115	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	222	109	120	2,900	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	106	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	39	58	111	1,790	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	120	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	23	109	118	2,719	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	100	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,330	109	120	2,890	3,059
All Goats	201	88	119	1,820	2,971
Horses and ponies	172	110	119	2,867	3,065
Hogs and pigs	137	74	112	2,205	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	68	68	103	1,974	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,485	108	120	2,668	3,059
Tobacco	504	79	114	210	563
Corn for grain	133	106	117	2,266	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	12	90	110	2,179	2,710
Chinese cabbage	(D)	2	14	(D)	181

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	46	Farming	116
\$1,000 to \$2,499	61	Other	111
\$2,500 to \$4,999	38		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	25	Male	197
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	30
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	-	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	295
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,081	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	9,089	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-22	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-94	All operators <sup>2</sup> 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.

<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.

**Owsley 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE**

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997

--- ITEM ---

	ALL FARMS	
	2002	1997
Farms.....number..	227	260
Land in farms.....acres..	32,996	31,588
Average size of farm.....acres..	145	121
Median size of farm.....acres..	101	N/A
Estimated market value of land and buildings 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	182,344	109,843
Average per acre.....dollars..	1,319	1,169
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	23,314	25,863
Farms by size:		
1 to 9 acres..	29	44
10 to 49 acres..	27	57
50 to 179 acres..	119	105
180 to 499 acres..	42	46
500 to 999 acres..	6	7
1,000 acres or more..	4	1
Total cropland.....farms..		
acres..	225	258
Harvested cropland.....farms..		
acres..	8,680	8,909
farms..	205	251
acres..	3,135	2,957
Irrigated land.....farms..		
acres..	7	4
acres..	12	4
Market value of agricultural products sold.\$1,000..		
Average per farm.....dollars..	1,710	2,769
dollars..	7,531	10,649
Crops (including nursery and greenhouse)...\$1,000..		
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000..	1,420	2,561
\$1,000..	289	207
Principal operator by primary occupation:		
Farming.....number..	116	104
Other.....number..	111	156
Principal operator by days worked off farm:		
Any.....number..	133	135
200 days or more.....number..	86	85

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.....	58	61
farms..		
number..	1,330	1,272
Beef cows.....	49	49
farms..		
number..	785	754
Milk cows.....	4	6
farms..		
number..	12	8
Cattle and calves sold.....	45	50
farms..		
number..	505	588
Hogs and pigs inventory.....	5	5
farms..		
number..	137	16
Hogs and pigs sold.....	8	2
farms..		
number..	862	(D)
Sheep and lambs inventory.....	1	-
farms..		
number..	(D)	-
Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory.....	3	10
farms..		
number..	62	135
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold.....	-	1
farms..		
number..	-	(D)
Selected crops harvested:		
Corn for grain.....	12	27
farms..		
acres..	133	205
bushels..	9,304	18,230
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.....	163	222
farms..		
acres..	504	888
pounds..	747,036	1,423,178
Forage - land used for all hay and all haylage, grass silage, and greenchop.....	84	(NA)
farms..		
acres..	2,485	(NA)
tons, dry..	4,375	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale.....	3	5
farms..		
acres..	12	11
Land in orchards.....	2	4
farms..		
acres..	(D)	2

**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.