

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Rockcastle, Kentucky

#### Number of farms

803 farms in 2002, 853 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

#### Land in farms

94,186 acres in 2002, 98,449 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

#### Average size of farm

117 acres in 2002, 115 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$9,219,000 in 2002, \$10,728,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,799,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,419,000 of the total value in 2002.

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

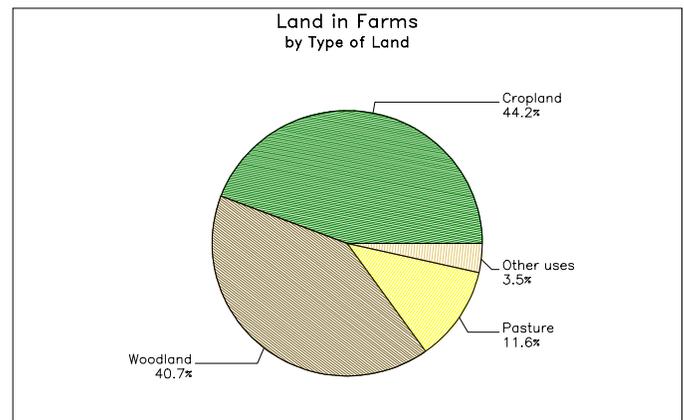
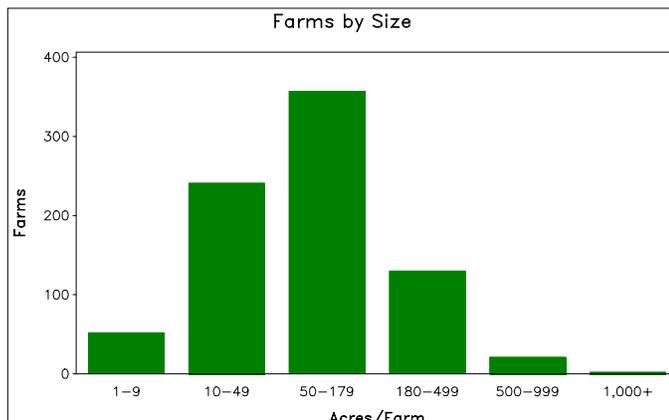
\$11,480 in 2002, \$12,577 in 1997, down 9 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$155,000 in 2002, \$80,000 in 1997, up 94 percent.

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

\$1,071 in 2002, \$694 in 1997, up 54 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	9,219	79	120	2,540	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,799	82	120	2,227	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,419	72	120	2,306	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	211	78	117	2,221	2,871
Tobacco	2,817	60	114	160	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	24	45	112	1,879	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	689	41	120	1,609	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	115	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,942	55	120	1,705	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,187	43	106	1,276	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	21	51	120	1,884	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	241	62	118	938	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	18,403	50	120	1,541	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,907	21	119	1,032	2,983
Horses and ponies	921	60	119	1,397	3,065
All Goats	859	32	119	572	2,971
Quail	(D)	17	40	(D)	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,163	57	120	1,197	3,059
Tobacco	805	59	114	156	563
Corn for grain	588	85	117	1,936	2,592
Corn for silage	559	43	106	1,380	2,307
Soybeans	482	78	100	1,666	2,076

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	162	Farming	461
\$1,000 to \$2,499	134	Other	342
\$2,500 to \$4,999	145		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	133	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	119	Male	731
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27	Female	72
\$25,000 to \$39,999	40		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	1,074
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,464	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	11,859	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	529	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	663	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	11

(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.