

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Nelson, Kentucky

Number of farms

1,407 farms in 2002, 1,401 farms in 1997, up slightly.

Land in farms

189,104 acres in 2002, 185,507 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

134 acres in 2002, 132 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$33,242,000 in 2002, \$39,525,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,042,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$22,200,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

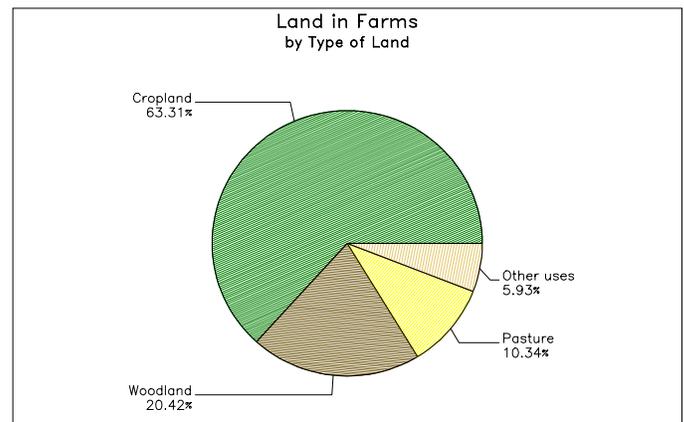
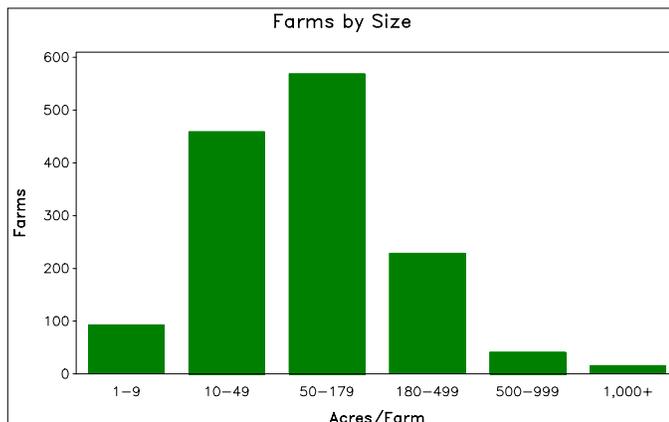
\$23,626 in 2002, \$28,212 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,214,000 in 2002, \$693,000 in 1997, up 75 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,273 in 2002, \$2,178 in 1997, up 50 percent.



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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	33,242	32	120	1,602	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,042	35	120	1,588	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	22,200	29	120	1,218	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,372	25	117	1,211	2,871
Tobacco	4,077	43	114	124	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	108	40	111	1,686	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	52	82	106	2,251	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,389	10	120	941	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	115	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	10,632	18	120	950	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	6,635	9	106	510	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3,624	6	111	563	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	33	32	120	1,569	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	673	19	118	236	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	243	4	100	520	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	42,430	16	120	715	3,059
Hogs and pigs	21,167	5	112	506	2,926
Horses and ponies	2,209	13	119	398	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,119	28	119	1,312	2,983
Sheep and lambs	670	11	108	1,247	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	43,501	8	120	416	3,059
Soybeans	19,408	24	100	853	2,076
Corn for grain	11,122	26	117	1,011	2,592
Corn for silage	3,281	2	106	526	2,307
All Wheat for grain	2,568	23	101	1,188	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	271
\$1,000 to \$2,499	239
\$2,500 to \$4,999	199
\$5,000 to \$9,999	219
\$10,000 to \$19,999	197
\$20,000 to \$24,999	52
\$25,000 to \$39,999	66
\$40,000 to \$49,999	31
\$50,000 to \$99,999	54
\$100,000 to \$249,999	58
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14
\$500,000 or more	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,775
Average per farm (\$)	19,685
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,640
Average per farm (\$)	6,832

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	798
Other	609
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,294
Female	113
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,951
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	3
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	15

(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.