

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mason, Kentucky

Number of farms

726 farms in 2002, 782 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

128,123 acres in 2002, 129,380 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

176 acres in 2002, 165 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$22,354,000 in 2002, \$30,395,000 in 1997, down 26 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,543,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,812,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

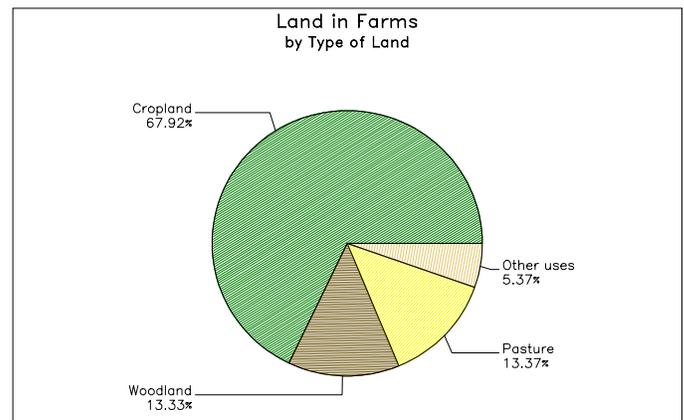
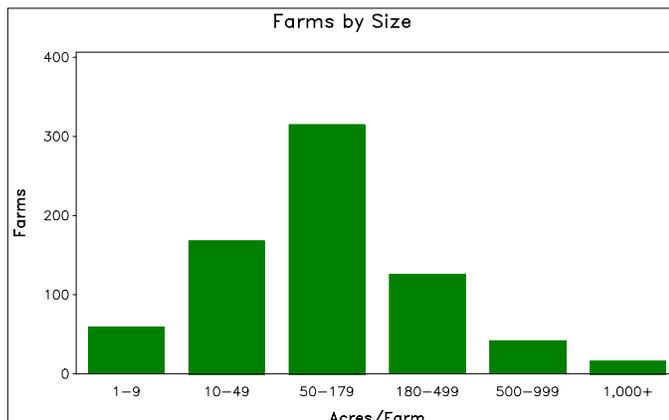
\$30,791 in 2002, \$38,868 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Government Payments

\$735,000 in 2002, \$328,000 in 1997, up 124 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,570 in 2002, \$1,365 in 1997, up 162 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	22,354	49	120	1,996	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,543	41	120	1,683	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,812	50	120	1,667	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	117	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	7,288	17	114	65	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	34	35	112	1,746	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	171	64	106	1,886	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	49	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,473	7	120	888	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	89	115	2,562	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,616	41	120	1,427	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,634	15	106	573	2,493
Hogs and pigs	65	51	111	1,614	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	120	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	118	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	26,781	35	120	1,160	3,059
All Goats	1,254	12	119	348	2,971
Horses and ponies	1,142	45	119	1,102	3,065
Hogs and pigs	539	51	112	1,601	2,926
Sheep and lambs	507	17	108	1,448	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,604	24	120	582	3,059
Soybeans	3,500	48	100	1,268	2,076
Corn for silage	2,461	7	106	655	2,307
Corn for grain	2,317	50	117	1,520	2,592
Tobacco	2,274	9	114	50	563

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	102
\$1,000 to \$2,499	100
\$2,500 to \$4,999	84
\$5,000 to \$9,999	113
\$10,000 to \$19,999	115
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30
\$25,000 to \$39,999	59
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47
\$100,000 to \$249,999	37
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8
\$500,000 or more	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,391
Average per farm (\$)	29,424
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,323
Average per farm (\$)	5,947

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	443
Other	283
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	631
Female	95
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,023
Black or African American	26
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12

(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.