



Mercer County Kentucky

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	978	-12
Land in farms (acres)	142,272	+4
Average size of farm (acres)	145	+18
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	57,723,000	+26
Government payments	580,000	-71
Farm-related income	5,177,000	+6
Total farm production expenses	53,041,000	+7
Net cash farm income	10,439,000	+250
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	59,022	+42
Government payments ^a	15,267	+4
Farm-related income ^a	23,965	+42
Total farm production expenses	54,234	+21
Net cash farm income	10,674	+297

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	56
Livestock, poultry, and products	44

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	67,482
Pastureland	50,746
Woodland	14,083
Other	9,961

Acres irrigated: 303

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	12
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	393	40
\$2,500 to \$4,999	103	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	122	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	140	14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	92	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	62	6
\$100,000 or more	66	7

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	81	8
10 to 49 acres	403	41
50 to 179 acres	334	34
180 to 499 acres	98	10
500 to 999 acres	35	4
1,000+ acres	27	3

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	57,723	48	120	1,847	3,078
Crops	32,042	37	120	1,548	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	21,741	37	116	1,262	2,917
Tobacco	978	42	78	121	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	338	49	119	1,254	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	(D)	118	(D)	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	656	31	111	1,066	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	12	32	(D)	1,274
Other crops and hay	8,230	3	120	415	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	25,681	46	120	1,580	3,076
Poultry and eggs	104	69	120	1,339	3,027
Cattle and calves	21,398	15	120	804	3,047
Milk from cows	(D)	45	70	(D)	1,770
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	115	(D)	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	259	10	117	747	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	3,439	11	111	68	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	290	14	115	583	2,909

Producers ^d	1,636	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all
Male	1,018	78	Soybeans for beans
Female	618		Corn for grain
Age		Farm organically	Wheat for grain, all
<35	148	(Z)	Corn for silage/greenchop
35 – 64	921		
65 and older	567		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
American Indian/Alaska Native	5	5	Broilers and other meat-type chickens
Asian	4		Cattle and calves
Black or African American	8	Hire farm labor	Goats
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	16	Hogs and pigs
White	1,603		Horses and ponies
More than one race	15		Layers
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	5	98	Sheep and lambs
With military service	141		Turkeys
New and beginning farmers	541		

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.