



# Nelson County Kentucky

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

|                                  | 2022        | % change since 2017 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms                  | 1,241       | -13                 |
| Land in farms (acres)            | 157,488     | -26                 |
| Average size of farm (acres)     | 127         | -15                 |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold    | 79,478,000  | +18                 |
| Government payments              | 477,000     | -49                 |
| Farm-related income              | 3,042,000   | -41                 |
| Total farm production expenses   | 63,875,000  | +1                  |
| Net cash farm income             | 19,122,000  | +93                 |
| <b>Per farm average</b>          | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold    | 64,043      | +37                 |
| Government payments <sup>a</sup> | 10,604      | +65                 |
| Farm-related income <sup>a</sup> | 10,748      | -25                 |
| Total farm production expenses   | 51,470      | +17                 |
| Net cash farm income             | 15,408      | +123                |

## 1 Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops                            | 72 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 28 |

### Land in Farms by Use (acres)

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Cropland    | 89,973 |
| Pastureland | 27,621 |
| Woodland    | 30,610 |
| Other       | 9,284  |

### Acres irrigated: 276

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| No till        | 20 |
| Reduced till   | 4  |
| Intensive till | 6  |
| Cover crop     | 11 |

## Farms by Value of Sales

|                      | Number | Percent of Total <sup>b</sup> |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500    | 496    | 40                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999   | 191    | 15                            |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999   | 147    | 12                            |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 167    | 13                            |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 102    | 8                             |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 49     | 4                             |
| \$100,000 or more    | 89     | 7                             |

## Farms by Size

|                  | Number | Percent of Total <sup>b</sup> |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres     | 128    | 10                            |
| 10 to 49 acres   | 564    | 45                            |
| 50 to 179 acres  | 365    | 29                            |
| 180 to 499 acres | 119    | 10                            |
| 500 to 999 acres | 42     | 3                             |
| 1,000+ acres     | 23     | 2                             |

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

|   | Sales<br>(\$1,000) | Rank<br>in<br>State <sup>c</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item | Rank<br>in<br>U.S. <sup>c</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>79,478</b>      | <b>34</b>                        | <b>120</b>                    | <b>1,594</b>                    | <b>3,078</b>                  |
| <b>Crops</b>  | <b>57,178</b>      | <b>21</b>                        | <b>120</b>                    | <b>1,210</b>                    | <b>3,074</b>                  |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas                     | 50,163             | 22                               | 116                           | 920                             | 2,917                         |
| Tobacco   | 2,406              | 28                               | 78                            | 87                              | 267                           |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                     | -                  | -                                | -                             | -                               | 647                           |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes              | 417                | 38                               | 119                           | 1,179                           | 2,831                         |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries                                | 291                | 27                               | 118                           | 1,125                           | 2,711                         |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod                    | 374                | 48                               | 111                           | 1,218                           | 2,660                         |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation<br>woody crops | -                  | -                                | 32                            | -                               | 1,274                         |
| Other crops and hay                                       | 3,527              | 30                               | 120                           | 940                             | 3,035                         |
| <b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>                   | <b>22,299</b>      | <b>50</b>                        | <b>120</b>                    | <b>1,672</b>                    | <b>3,076</b>                  |
| Poultry and eggs  | 161                | 56                               | 120                           | 1,177                           | 3,027                         |
| Cattle and calves   | 20,185             | 19                               | 120                           | 834                             | 3,047                         |
| Milk from cows  | (D)                | (D)                              | 70                            | (D)                             | 1,770                         |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)                | (D)                              | 115                           | (D)                             | 2,814                         |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk                          | 188                | 22                               | 117                           | 1,002                           | 2,967                         |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys                    | 289                | 42                               | 111                           | 879                             | 2,907                         |
| Aquaculture   | (D)                | 5                                | 24                            | (D)                             | 1,190                         |
| Other animals and animal products                         | 51                 | 39                               | 115                           | 1,249                           | 2,909                         |

|                                  |              |   |  |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---|--|
| <b>Producers <sup>d</sup></b>    | <b>2,072</b> | <b>Percent of farms that:</b>             | <b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>e</sup></b> |
| <b>Sex</b>                       |              | Have internet access                      | 72                                     |
| Male                             | 1,348        |   |  |
| Female                           | 724          |   |  |
| <b>Age</b>                       |              | Farm organically                          | (Z)                                    |
| <35                              | 219          |   |  |
| 35 – 64                          | 1,158        |   |  |
| 65 and older                     | 695          |   |  |
| <b>Race</b>                      |              | Sell directly to consumers                | 4                                      |
| American Indian/Alaska Native    | 10           |   |  |
| Asian                            | 2            |   |  |
| Black or African American        | 1            |   |  |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 3            |   |  |
| White                            | 2,053        | Hire farm labor                           | 15                                     |
| More than one race               | 3            |   |  |
| <b>Other characteristics</b>     |              | Are family farms                          | 97                                     |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 18           |   |  |
| With military service            | 222          |   |  |
| New and beginning farmers        | 616          |   |  |
|                                  |              | <b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)</b> |  |
|                                  |              | Broilers and other meat-type chickens     | 917                                    |
|                                  |              | Cattle and calves                         | 34,082                                 |
|                                  |              | Goats                                     | 1,081                                  |
|                                  |              | Hogs and pigs                             | 441                                    |
|                                  |              | Horses and ponies                         | 817                                    |
|                                  |              | Layers                                    | 4,273                                  |
|                                  |              | Pullets                                   | 562                                    |
|                                  |              | Sheep and lambs                           | 1,003                                  |
|                                  |              | Turkeys                                   | 217                                    |

<sup>a</sup> Average per farm receiving. <sup>b</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>c</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>d</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. <sup>e</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>f</sup> 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.