Nelson County
Kentucky

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,434	+8
Land in farms (acres)	213,534	+14
Average size of farm (acres)	149	+5
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	67,099,000	+4
Government payments	927,000	-56
Farm-related income	5,147,000	+28
Total farm production expenses	63,248,000	-3
Net cash farm income	9,925,000	+81
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	46,792	-4
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	6,438	+41
Farm-related income	14,418	+13
Total farm production expenses	44,106	-10
Net cash farm income	6,921	+67

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	63
Livestock, poultry, and products	37

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	53
Pastureland	21
Woodland	20
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 193

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	13
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	10

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	662	46
$2,500 to $4,999	160	11
$5,000 to $9,999	174	12
$10,000 to $24,999	154	11
$25,000 to $49,999	111	8
$50,000 to $99,999	56	4
$100,000 or more	117	8

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	203	14
10 to 49 acres	572	40
50 to 179 acres	362	25
180 to 499 acres	198	14
500 to 999 acres	71	5
1,000 + acres	28	2

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales ($1,000)	Rank in State [b]	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. [b]	Counties Producing Item
Total	**67,099**	**29**	**120**	**1,510**	**3,077**
Crops	**42,049**	**20**	**120**	**1,206**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	34,002	21	116	939	2,916
Tobacco	3,399	31	94	95	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	133	53	118	1,429	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	84	25	114	1,353	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	356	30	103	1,142	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	4,075	9	120	622	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**25,050**	**38**	**120**	**1,468**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	78	58	120	1,118	3,007
Cattle and calves	21,594	14	120	746	3,055
Milk from cows	2,420	18	77	776	1,892
Hogs and pigs	223	24	114	733	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	94	40	118	1,328	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	153	57	115	1,166	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	3	26	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,878

Total Producers [c] — **2,381**

Sex
Male	1,540
Female	841

Age
<35	226
35 – 64	1,423
65 and older	732

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native	19
Asian	-
Black or African American	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	2,360
More than one race	1

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	22
With military service	271
New and beginning farmers	683

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **73**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **5**

Hire farm labor **14**

Are family farms **97**

Top Crops in Acres [d]
Forage (hay/haylage), all	39,906
Soybeans for beans	33,156
Corn for grain	22,175
Wheat for grain, all	5,350
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,263

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	346
Cattle and calves	45,750
Goats	868
Hogs and pigs	813
Horses and ponies	1,532
Layers	4,488
Pullets	562
Sheep and lambs	882
Turkeys	77

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

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