



# Nicholas County Kentucky

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	556	-2
Land in farms (acres)	92,873	-9
Average size of farm (acres)	167	-7
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<b>Total</b>	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	25,939,000	+25
Government payments	139,000	-80
Farm-related income	1,773,000	+4
Total farm production expenses	22,120,000	+4
Net cash farm income	5,731,000	+200
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<b>Per farm average</b>	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	46,652	+28
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	2,900	-16
Farm-related income	11,667	+10
Total farm production expenses	39,784	+7
Net cash farm income	10,308	+208

## (Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	49
Livestock, poultry, and products	51

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	42
Pastureland	40
Woodland	14
Other	4

### Acres irrigated: 6

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	11
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	14
Cover crop	17

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	192	35
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	104	19
\$10,000 to \$24,999	55	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	37	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	6
\$100,000 or more	79	14

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	22	4
10 to 49 acres	124	22
50 to 179 acres	252	45
180 to 499 acres	122	22
500 to 999 acres	31	6
1,000 + acres	5	1

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,939</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>12,797</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,824	73	116	1,958	2,916
Tobacco	8,657	13	94	52	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	72	70	118	1,667	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	16	72	114	1,752	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	15	83	103	1,591	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,213	35	120	1,117	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>13,142</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	183	50	120	907	3,007
Cattle and calves	11,787	31	120	1,135	3,055
Milk from cows	632	32	77	996	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	114	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	62	57	118	1,594	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	313	35	115	687	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	26	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	12	111	(D)	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

<b>Sex</b>	<b>884</b>
Male	573
Female	311
<b>Age</b>	
<35	91
35 – 64	536
65 and older	257
<b>Race</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	2
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	872
More than one race	10
<b>Other characteristics</b>	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	-
With military service	96
New and beginning farmers	276

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access	<b>60</b>
Farm organically	<b>(Z)</b>
Sell directly to consumers	<b>4</b>
Hire farm labor	<b>30</b>
Are family farms	<b>98</b>

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Forage (hay/haylage), all	19,684
Tobacco	2,064
Soybeans for beans	1,528
Corn for grain	1,432
Corn for silage or greenchop	538

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	256
Cattle and calves	24,421
Goats	858
Hogs and pigs	57
Horses and ponies	1,122
Layers	13,397
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	473
Turkeys	62

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

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</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>e</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.