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We are pleased to present the 2007-2008 edition of the *Kentucky Agricultural Statistics and Annual Report*. This publication represents a cooperative effort between USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kentucky Field Office, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. It contains current statistics for Kentucky's agricultural industry.

Our organization has been providing vital information to producers and agribusinesses for over 140 years. The information in this publication provides an accurate, unbiased picture of the current state of agriculture in the Commonwealth.

The voluntary cooperation of thousands of farmers and agribusinesses, and the dedicated efforts of the Kentucky Field Office staff in compiling the collected data, are essential for us

to maintain reliable facts regarding the changing face of Kentucky agriculture. Also, special thanks go to the dedicated staff of field and telephone enumerators who have spent many hours collecting the data used in this publication.

This book is only one of many ways to receive statistical reports on Kentucky agriculture. Please visit our Web site at www.nass.usda.gov/ky and view all our reports there. Reports can be delivered free to your e-mail address, or hardcopy reports are available free for a small fee.

Please contact us any time with your questions, comments and requests for information. The staff of the Kentucky Field Office is dedicated to serving the agricultural data needs of all users in the Commonwealth.



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