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**Grant County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	812	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	98,372	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	72	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	121	169
Proportion of land area in farms	59.6%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	812	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	374	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	495	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	59.3	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	45	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	726	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	86	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	23.7	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	41	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	154	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	657	58,664
Part owner	128	15,250
Tenant	27	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	584	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$899,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	91	10,820
Unpaid labor*	887	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$13,716,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$16,892	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$11,699,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$14,407	\$65,755

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	1,442	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	291,813	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	58	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	202	169
Proportion of land area in farms	82.6%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	1,442	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	656	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	752	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	59.1	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	71	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	1,281	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	161	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	25.4	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	93	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	248	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	1,113	58,664
Part owner	293	15,250
Tenant	36	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	1,565	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$8,970,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	464	10,820
Unpaid labor*	984	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$280,868,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$194,777	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$337,730,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$234,209	\$65,755

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	1,407	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	200,895	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	82	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	143	169
Proportion of land area in farms	63.1%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	1,407	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	462	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	904	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	58.3	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	98	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	1,222	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	185	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	22.8	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	127	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	343	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	1,107	58,664
Part owner	261	15,250
Tenant	39	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	739	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$1,324,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	21	10,820
Unpaid labor*	1,302	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$44,496,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$31,625	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$45,663,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$32,454	\$65,755

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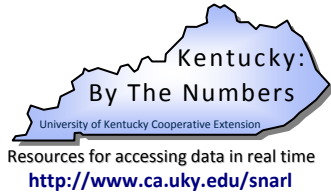
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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	1,050	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	152,535	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	84	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	145	169
Proportion of land area in farms	83.3%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	1,050	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	433	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	728	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	56.4	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	85	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	943	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	107	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	22.4	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	73	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	206	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	824	58,664
Part owner	183	15,250
Tenant	43	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	815	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$1,722,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	234	10,820
Unpaid labor*	968	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$37,381,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$35,601	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$39,169,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$37,304	\$65,755

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	604	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	78,632	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	79	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	130	169
Proportion of land area in farms	35.7%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	604	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	243	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	364	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	58.7	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	36	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	545	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	59	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	23.6	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	41	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	118	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	477	58,664
Part owner	113	15,250
Tenant	14	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	393	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$402,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	21	10,820
Unpaid labor*	848	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$7,232,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$11,974	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$5,033,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$8,333	\$65,755

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Total number of farms	350	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	52,195	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	80	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	149	169
Proportion of land area in farms	43.5%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	350	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	93	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	255	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	54.7	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	49	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	330	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	20	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
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Number of farms where principal operator is...

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Part owner	64	15,250
Tenant	7	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	143	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$583,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	21	10,820
Unpaid labor*	415	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$11,189,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$31,968	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$14,013,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$40,038	\$65,755

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	1,357	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	202,970	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	59	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	150	169
Proportion of land area in farms	50.9%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	1,357	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	554	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	860	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	58.2	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	69	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	1,211	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	146	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	23.1	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	105	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	287	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	1,029	58,664
Part owner	294	15,250
Tenant	34	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	984	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$2,623,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	62	10,820
Unpaid labor*	1,484	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$57,890,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$42,660	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$57,949,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$42,704	\$65,755

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	34	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	6,265	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	39	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	184	169
Proportion of land area in farms	2.1%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	34	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	10	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	29	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	54.8	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	0	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	32	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	2	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	20.4	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	3	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	9	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	20	58,664
Part owner	12	15,250
Tenant	2	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	n/a	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	n/a,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	0	10,820
Unpaid labor*	52	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$541,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$15,912	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$282,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$8,288	\$65,755

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	1,064	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	164,457	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	88	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	155	169
Proportion of land area in farms	83.9%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	1,064	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	469	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	669	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	56.2	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	103	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	911	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	153	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	21.2	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	112	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	298	17,257

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**County**                      **State**

**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	812	58,664
Part owner	190	15,250
Tenant	62	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	1,080	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$3,829,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	365	10,820
Unpaid labor*	1,288	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$37,511,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$35,254	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$36,014,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$33,848	\$65,755

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	1,372	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	182,385	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	78	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	133	169
Proportion of land area in farms	69.2%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	1,372	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	528	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	827	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	55.8	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	151	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	1,217	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	155	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	20.9	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	118	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	358	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	1,077	58,664
Part owner	242	15,250
Tenant	53	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	1,451	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$2,592,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	43	10,820
Unpaid labor*	1,420	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$37,609,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$27,412	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$33,489,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$24,409	\$65,755

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