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## ~ 2017 Census of Agriculture ~

# Female Producers

## Mason County

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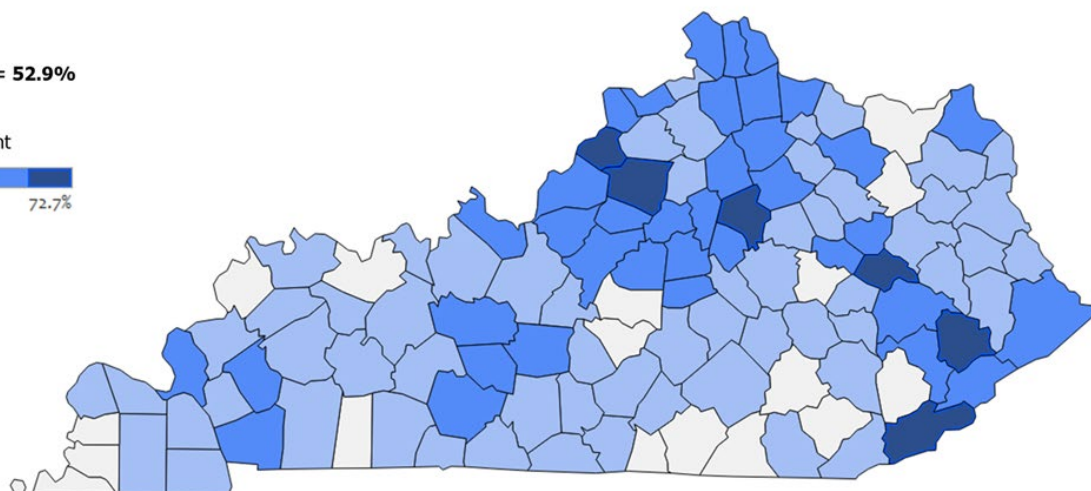
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**County** **State**

### **Total Number of Producers**

Total Number of Female Producers	385	43,501
Percent of All Producers who are Female	33.9%	34.8%

### **Female Principal Producers** *(More than one principal producer may be designated per farm)*

Number of Female Principal Producers	219	27,212
Number of Farms with Female Principal Producers	214	26,215
Land in Farms (acres)	25,001	3,166,612

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### **Female Producer Characteristics**

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	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>
Number of Female Producers <i>(with demographic data)</i>	381	42,946
Number of Farms with Female Producers	350	40,192
Land in Farms (acres)	44,766	5,223,082
Average Size of Farms (acres)	128	130
Age:		
Under 35	58	4,577
35 to 64	227	26,469
65 and Older	96	11,900
Female Producers whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	115	12,648
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	266	30,298
New and Beginning Farmers	155	14,399
Days worked off the Farm:		
None	151	16,371
1 to 199 Days	72	9,181
200 Days or More	158	17,394
Percent of Farms with Female Producers that...		
Have Internet Access	75.0%	77.0%
Are Family Farms	98.0%	98.0%

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### **Total Number of Producers**

Total Number of Female Producers	460	43,501
Percent of All Producers who are Female	34.8%	34.8%

### **Female Principal Producers** *(More than one principal producer may be designated per farm)*

Number of Female Principal Producers	279	27,212
Number of Farms with Female Principal Producers	272	26,215
Land in Farms (acres)	31,221	3,166,612

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#### **Female Producer Characteristics**

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	County	State
Number of Female Producers <i>(with demographic data)</i>	456	42,946
Number of Farms with Female Producers	431	40,192
Land in Farms (acres)	68,808	5,223,082
Average Size of Farms (acres)	160	130
Age:		
Under 35	70	4,577
35 to 64	293	26,469
65 and Older	93	11,900
Female Producers whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	99	12,648
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	357	30,298
New and Beginning Farmers	172	14,399
Days worked off the Farm:		
None	148	16,371
1 to 199 Days	81	9,181
200 Days or More	227	17,394
Percent of Farms with Female Producers that...		
Have Internet Access	87.0%	77.0%
Are Family Farms	99.0%	98.0%

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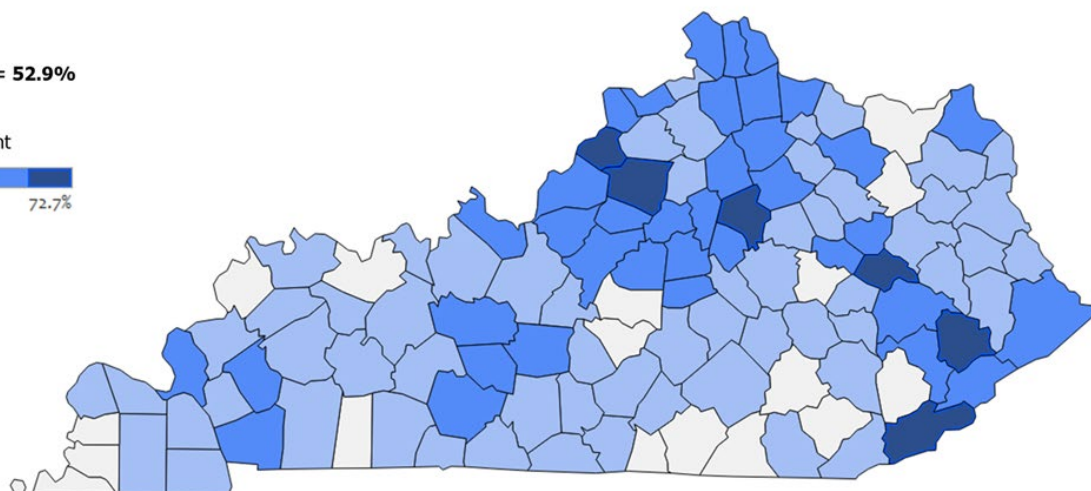
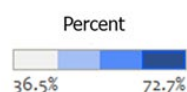
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**County** **State**

### **Total Number of Producers**

Total Number of Female Producers	173	43,501
Percent of All Producers who are Female	36.2%	34.8%

### **Female Principal Producers** *(More than one principal producer may be designated per farm)*

Number of Female Principal Producers	98	27,212
Number of Farms with Female Principal Producers	98	26,215
Land in Farms (acres)	10,497	3,166,612

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**Female Producer Characteristics**

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Number of Female Producers <i>(with demographic data)</i>	173	42,946
Number of Farms with Female Producers	163	40,192
Land in Farms (acres)	20,566	5,223,082
Average Size of Farms (acres)	126	130
Age:		
Under 35	22	4,577
35 to 64	109	26,469
65 and Older	42	11,900
Female Producers whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	35	12,648
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	138	30,298
New and Beginning Farmers	60	14,399
Days worked off the Farm:		
None	59	16,371
1 to 199 Days	51	9,181
200 Days or More	63	17,394
Percent of Farms with Female Producers that...		
Have Internet Access	74.0%	77.0%
Are Family Farms	100.0%	98.0%

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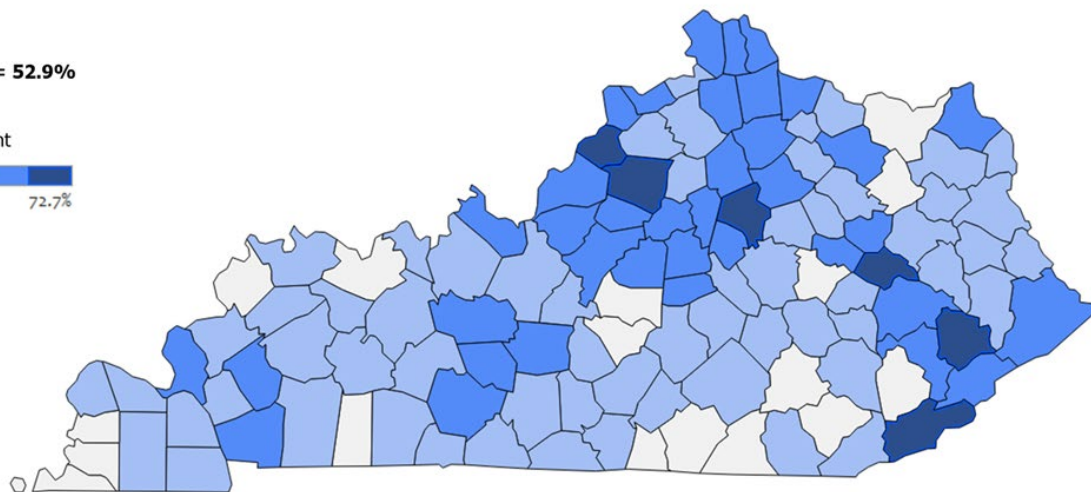
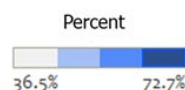
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### **Total Number of Producers**

Total Number of Female Producers	721	43,501
Percent of All Producers who are Female	37.9%	34.8%

### **Female Principal Producers** *(More than one principal producer may be designated per farm)*

Number of Female Principal Producers	435	27,212
Number of Farms with Female Principal Producers	413	26,215
Land in Farms (acres)	40,796	3,166,612

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Number of Female Producers <i>(with demographic data)</i>	721	42,946
Number of Farms with Female Producers	649	40,192
Land in Farms (acres)	68,481	5,223,082
Average Size of Farms (acres)	106	130
Age:		
Under 35	127	4,577
35 to 64	441	26,469
65 and Older	153	11,900
Female Producers whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	190	12,648
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	531	30,298
New and Beginning Farmers	302	14,399
Days worked off the Farm:		
None	218	16,371
1 to 199 Days	192	9,181
200 Days or More	311	17,394
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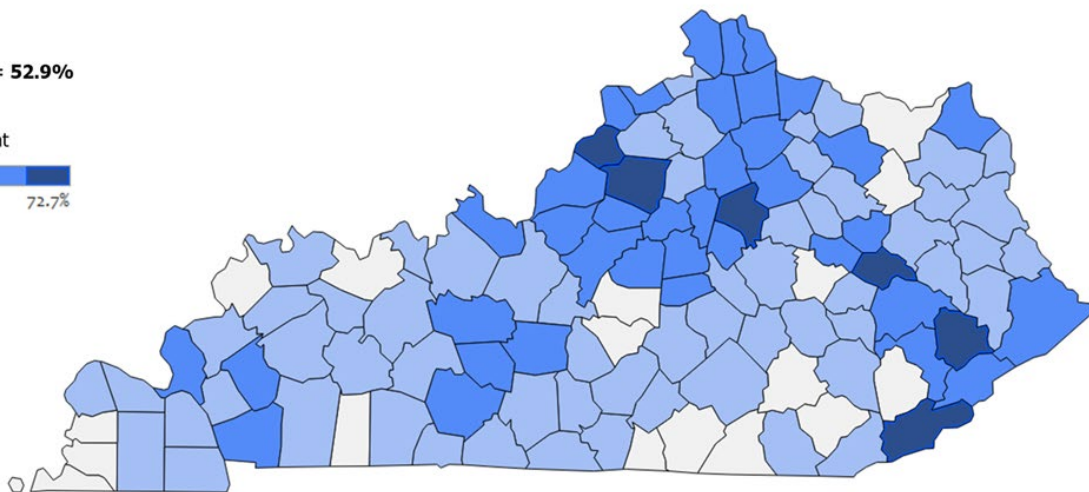
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## Female Producers

### Monroe County

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### Female-Operated Farms as a Percent of Total Farms, 2017

Kentucky = 52.9%



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**County** **State**

#### **Total Number of Producers**

Total Number of Female Producers	394	43,501
Percent of All Producers who are Female	31.2%	34.8%

#### **Female Principal Producers** *(More than one principal producer may be designated per farm)*

Number of Female Principal Producers	267	27,212
Number of Farms with Female Principal Producers	255	26,215
Land in Farms (acres)	41,747	3,166,612

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#### **Female Producer Characteristics**

*(Demographic data are only collected for up to 4 producers per farm)*

	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>
Number of Female Producers <i>(with demographic data)</i>	390	42,946
Number of Farms with Female Producers	371	40,192
Land in Farms (acres)	68,208	5,223,082
Average Size of Farms (acres)	184	130
Age:		
Under 35	44	4,577
35 to 64	250	26,469
65 and Older	96	11,900
Female Producers whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	121	12,648
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	269	30,298
New and Beginning Farmers	99	14,399
Days worked off the Farm:		
None	142	16,371
1 to 199 Days	78	9,181
200 Days or More	170	17,394
Percent of Farms with Female Producers that...		
Have Internet Access	81.0%	77.0%
Are Family Farms	96.0%	98.0%

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### Female Producers

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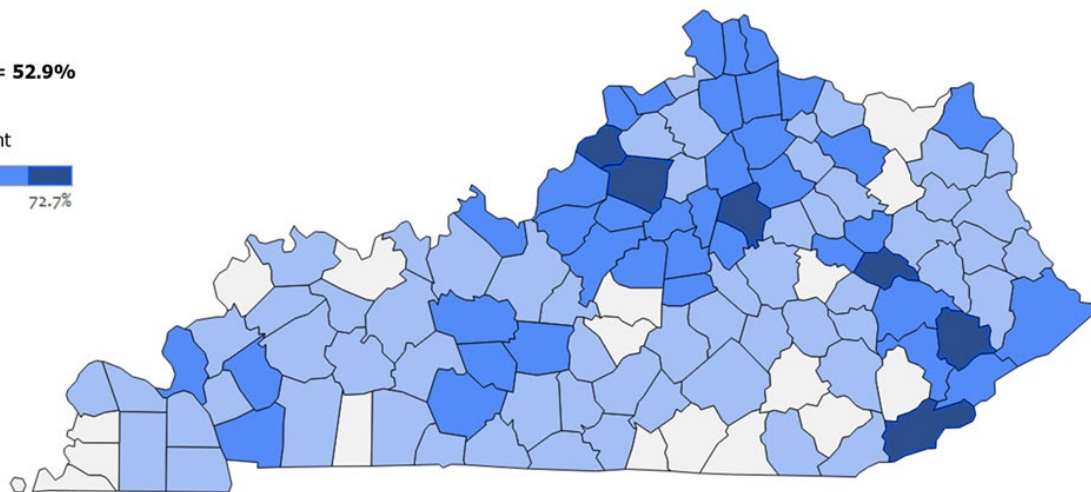
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#### Female-Operated Farms as a Percent of Total Farms, 2017

Kentucky = 52.9%



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**County** **State**

#### **Total Number of Producers**

Total Number of Female Producers	388	43,501
Percent of All Producers who are Female	36.0%	34.8%

#### **Female Principal Producers** *(More than one principal producer may be designated per farm)*

Number of Female Principal Producers	260	27,212
Number of Farms with Female Principal Producers	249	26,215
Land in Farms (acres)	22,230	3,166,612

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### **Female Producer Characteristics**

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	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>
Number of Female Producers <i>(with demographic data)</i>	379	42,946
Number of Farms with Female Producers	343	40,192
Land in Farms (acres)	38,295	5,223,082
Average Size of Farms (acres)	112	130
Age:		
Under 35	40	4,577
35 to 64	268	26,469
65 and Older	71	11,900
Female Producers whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	90	12,648
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	289	30,298
New and Beginning Farmers	129	14,399
Days worked off the Farm:		
None	139	16,371
1 to 199 Days	60	9,181
200 Days or More	180	17,394
Percent of Farms with Female Producers that...		
Have Internet Access	74.0%	77.0%
Are Family Farms	99.0%	98.0%

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## Female Producers

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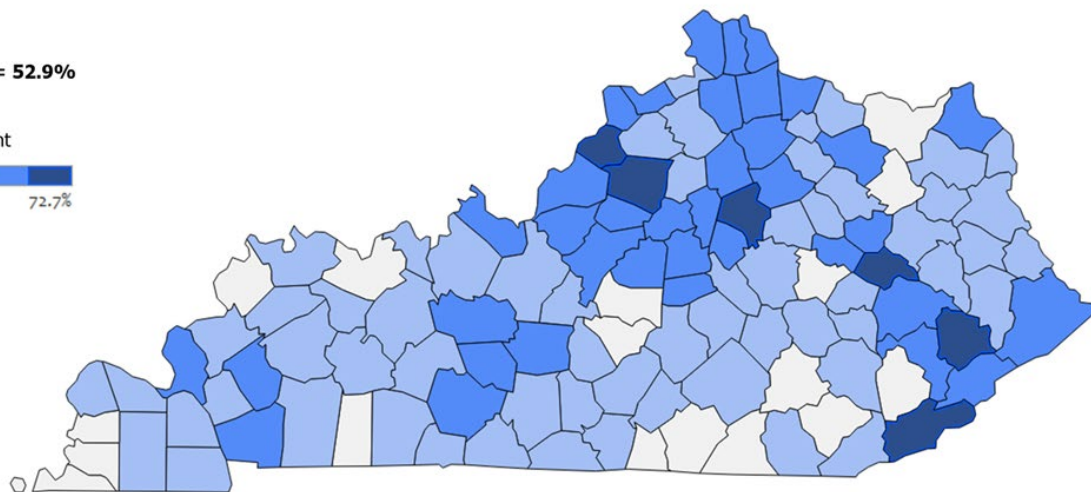
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### Female-Operated Farms as a Percent of Total Farms, 2017

Kentucky = 52.9%

Percent  
36.5% 72.7%



Data Source: 2017 United States Census of Agriculture

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**County** **State**

#### Total Number of Producers

Total Number of Female Producers	374	43,501
Percent of All Producers who are Female	34.1%	34.8%

#### Female Principal Producers *(More than one principal producer may be designated per farm)*

Number of Female Principal Producers	205	27,212
Number of Farms with Female Principal Producers	199	26,215
Land in Farms (acres)	27,788	3,166,612

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### **Female Producer Characteristics**

*(Demographic data are only collected for up to 4 producers per farm)*

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Number of Female Producers <i>(with demographic data)</i>	369	42,946
Number of Farms with Female Producers	352	40,192
Land in Farms (acres)	49,030	5,223,082
Average Size of Farms (acres)	139	130
Age:		
Under 35	34	4,577
35 to 64	250	26,469
65 and Older	85	11,900
Female Producers whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	111	12,648
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	258	30,298
New and Beginning Farmers	116	14,399
Days worked off the Farm:		
None	151	16,371
1 to 199 Days	78	9,181
200 Days or More	140	17,394
Percent of Farms with Female Producers that...		
Have Internet Access	77.0%	77.0%
Are Family Farms	99.0%	98.0%

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### Female Producers

#### Muhlenberg County

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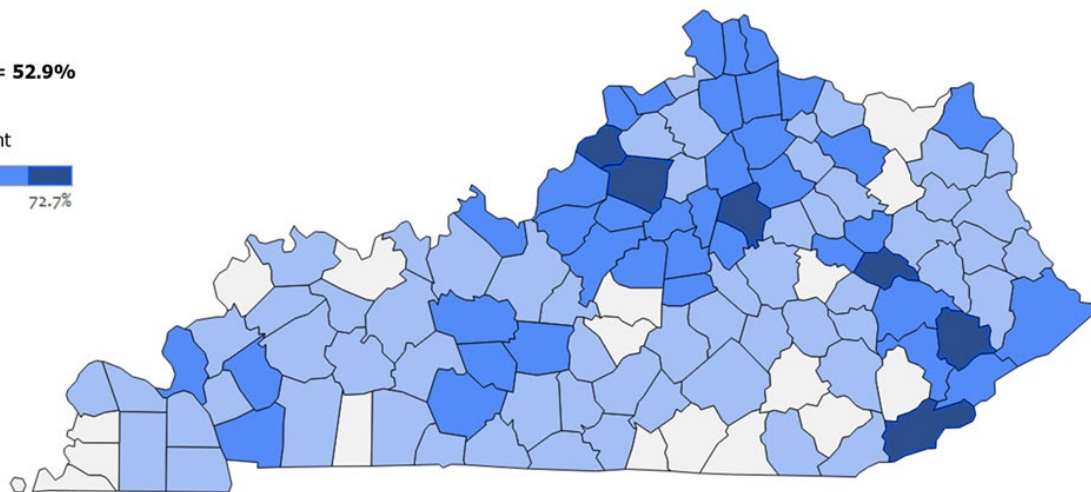
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Percent  
36.5% 72.7%



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**County** **State**

#### **Total Number of Producers**

Total Number of Female Producers	298	43,501
Percent of All Producers who are Female	33.0%	34.8%

#### **Female Principal Producers** *(More than one principal producer may be designated per farm)*

Number of Female Principal Producers	197	27,212
Number of Farms with Female Principal Producers	193	26,215
Land in Farms (acres)	33,126	3,166,612

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Female Producer Characteristics</u></b> <i>(Demographic data are only collected for up to 4 producers per farm)</i>		
Number of Female Producers <i>(with demographic data)</i>	297	42,946
Number of Farms with Female Producers	282	40,192
Land in Farms (acres)	47,090	5,223,082
Average Size of Farms (acres)	167	130
Age:		
Under 35	17	4,577
35 to 64	182	26,469
65 and Older	98	11,900
Female Producers whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	82	12,648
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	215	30,298
New and Beginning Farmers	103	14,399
Days worked off the Farm:		
None	114	16,371
1 to 199 Days	57	9,181
200 Days or More	126	17,394
Percent of Farms with Female Producers that...		
Have Internet Access	72.0%	77.0%
Are Family Farms	98.0%	98.0%

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# Female Producers

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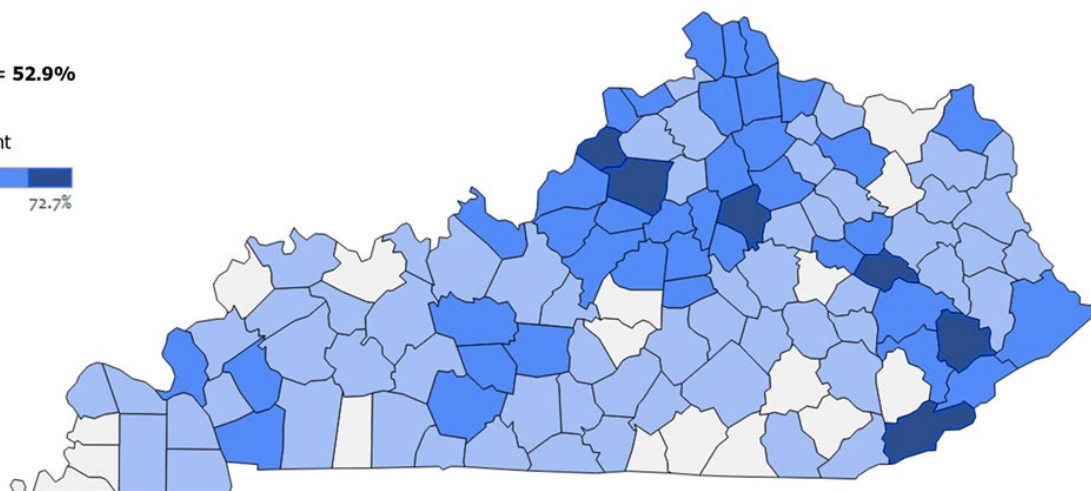
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**County** **State**

### **Total Number of Producers**

Total Number of Female Producers	842	43,501
Percent of All Producers who are Female	35.3%	34.8%

### **Female Principal Producers** *(More than one principal producer may be designated per farm)*

Number of Female Principal Producers	552	27,212
Number of Farms with Female Principal Producers	545	26,215
Land in Farms (acres)	50,437	3,166,612

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### **Female Producer Characteristics**

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	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>
Number of Female Producers <i>(with demographic data)</i>	841	42,946
Number of Farms with Female Producers	795	40,192
Land in Farms (acres)	78,566	5,223,082
Average Size of Farms (acres)	99	130
Age:		
Under 35	80	4,577
35 to 64	538	26,469
65 and Older	223	11,900
Female Producers whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	273	12,648
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	568	30,298
New and Beginning Farmers	290	14,399
Days worked off the Farm:		
None	290	16,371
1 to 199 Days	177	9,181
200 Days or More	374	17,394
Percent of Farms with Female Producers that...		
Have Internet Access	79.0%	77.0%
Are Family Farms	98.0%	98.0%

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