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	County	<u>State</u>
Farms		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	1,249	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,423	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	176,468	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	80	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	455	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	561	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	777	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.4	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	931	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	245	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	73	6,211



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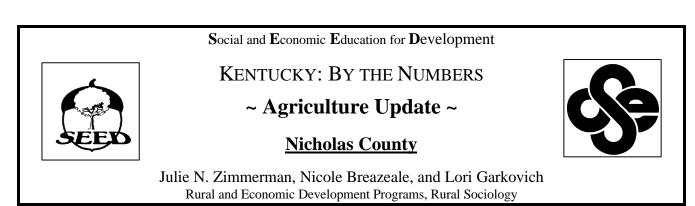
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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,282	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,817	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$28,996	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$38,646	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$30,942	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$23,197	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$7,879	\$11,909

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	County	State
Farms	<u></u>	
Total Number of Farms (1997)	567	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	657	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	106,292	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	103	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	287	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	346	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	320	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.0	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	398	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	121	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	48	6,211

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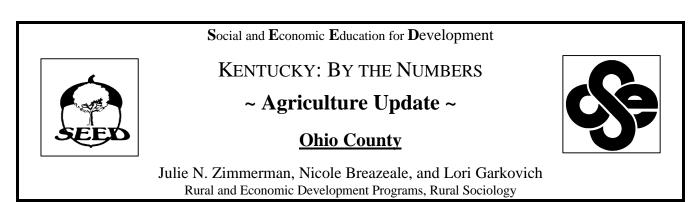
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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,078	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,511	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$10,622	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$16,024	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$28,261	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$18,733	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$9,215	\$11,909

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	County	State
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	943	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,019	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	162,179	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	90	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	339	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	394	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	571	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.6	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	674	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	196	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	73	6,211



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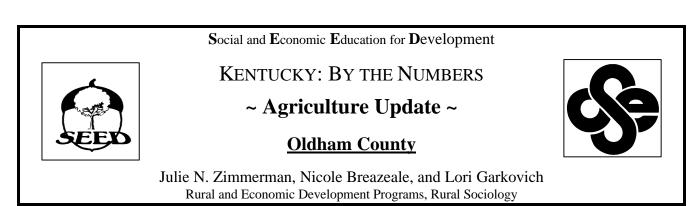
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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	757	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,235	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$26,971	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$36,980	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$39,216	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$28,571	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$10,383	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	392	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	46 8	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	70,535	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	64	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	160	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	188	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	244	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.9	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	284	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	76	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	32	6,211

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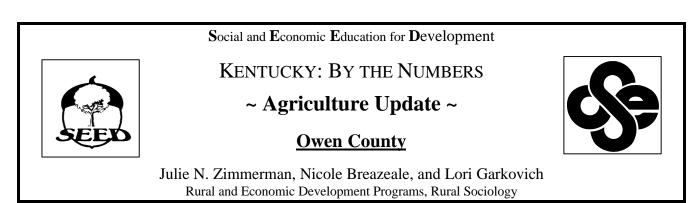
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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	651	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,588	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$14,022	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$16,085	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$41,034	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$35,770	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$3,503	\$11,909

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	County	State
Farms		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	803	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	94 8	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	150,444	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	116	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	357	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	489	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	461	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.8	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	593	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	149	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	61	6,211



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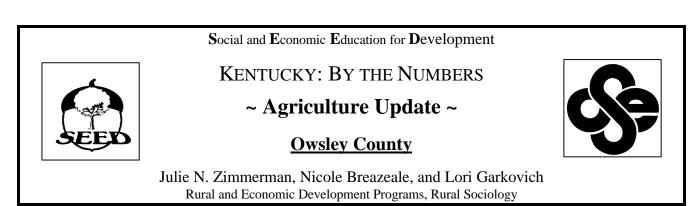
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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,529	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,570	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$12,841	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$22,337	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$27,817	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$15,971	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$10,574	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	246	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	328	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	31,767	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	72	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	101	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	150	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	127	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.4	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	170	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	54	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	22	6,211

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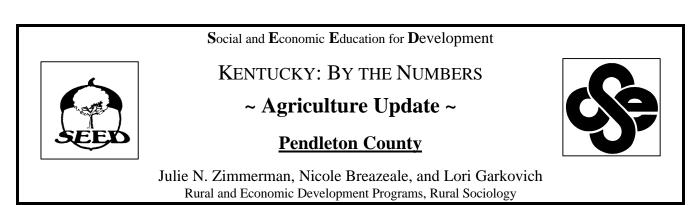
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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	620	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$314	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,531	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,914	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$11,845	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$6,248	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$5,698	\$11,909

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	County	State
Farms		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	816	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	921	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	116,691	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	97	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	303	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	381	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	510	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	19.3	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	594	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	165	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	57	6,211

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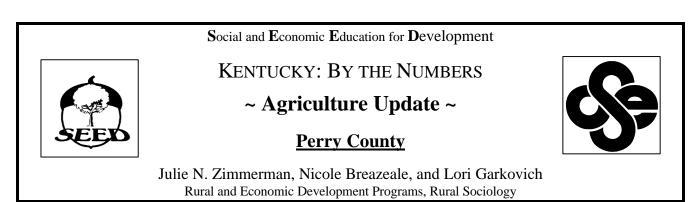
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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,795	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$758	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$8,439	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$14,793	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$18,129	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$10,342	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$6,814	\$11,909

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	<u>County</u>	State
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	29	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	43	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	6,784	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	115	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	10	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	10	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	17	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	21.1	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	20	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	8	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	1	6,211



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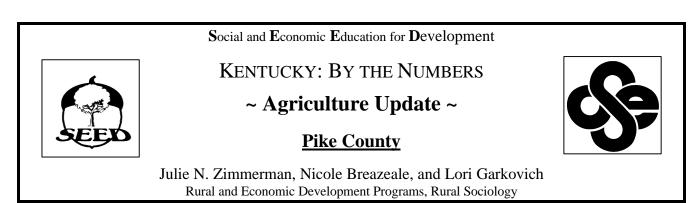
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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	32	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$104	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$435	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$457	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$15,752	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$15,008	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$744	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	37	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	57	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	5,851	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	110	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	10	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	9	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	21	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	24.3	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	24	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	9	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	4	6,211



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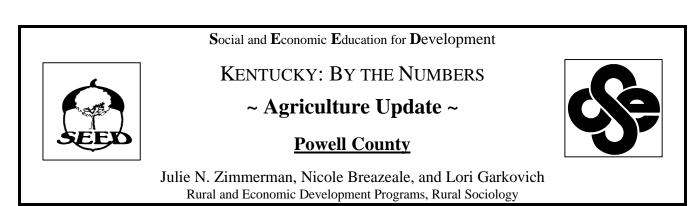
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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	22	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$228	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$176	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$4,756	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$6,159	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	-\$1,403	\$11,909

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	<u>County</u>	State
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	231	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	288	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	28,490	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	63	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	74	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	109	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	146	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	17.3	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	178	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	38	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	15	6,211



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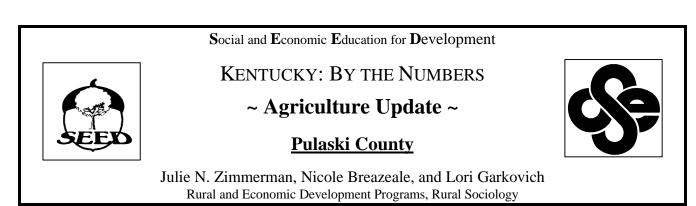
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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	459	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$150	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,697	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,558	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$11,071	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$7,377	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$4,336	\$11,909

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	County	State
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	1,958	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	2,137	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	214,849	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	69	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	830	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	938	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	1,105	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	20.1	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	1,379	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	473	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	106	6,211



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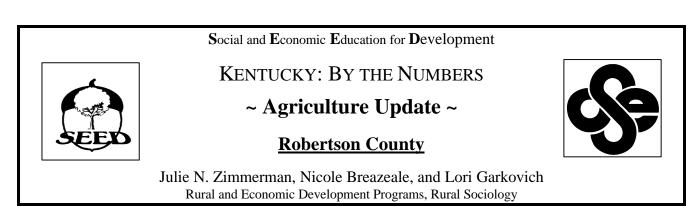
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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,655	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,645	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$24,358	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$35,952	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$18,362	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$12,447	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$5,505	\$11,909

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	County	State
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	272	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	315	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	47,849	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	119	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	132	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	168	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	159	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	17.3	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	198	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	48	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	26	6,211

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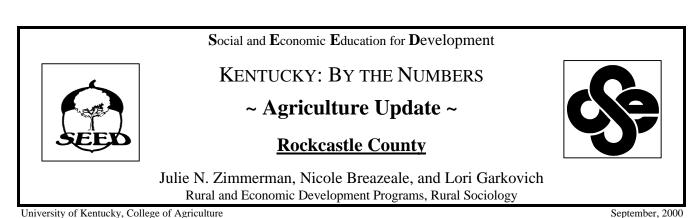
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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	779	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$386	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$4,064	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$6,677	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$24,550	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$14,886	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$10,966	\$11,909

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	<u>County</u>	State
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	771	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	852	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	93,657	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	70	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	310	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	363	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	455	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.7	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	581	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	152	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	38	6,211



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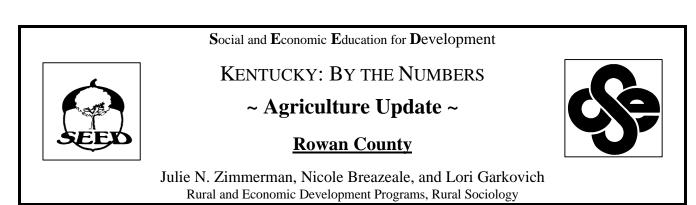
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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,239	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$491	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$6,366	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$10,417	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$13,512	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$8,267	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$4,236	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	413	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	509	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	42,472	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	60	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	135	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	185	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	252	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	16.9	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	293	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	82	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	38	6,211



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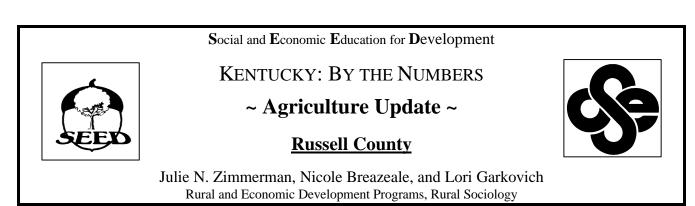
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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	887	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$428	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,837	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$4,430	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$10,727	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$6,870	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$4,016	\$11,909

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	County	State
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	943	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,041	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	94,837	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	55	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	366	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	439	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	574	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	20.0	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	646	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	258	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	39	6,211



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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,942	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,052	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$19,671	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$27,945	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$29,634	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$20,861	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$6,976	\$11,909

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