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**Women Principal Farm Operators**



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**Adair County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	100	8,200
Land in Farms	10,195	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$746,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,243	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	84	7,150
Part Owner	14	730
Tenant	2	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	33	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	67	5,085

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	113	8,200
Land in Farms	8,530	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$790,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,080	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	105	7,150
Part Owner	8	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	37	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	76	5,085

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	80	8,200
Land in Farms	5,766	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$463,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	676	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>11.8%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	73	7,150
Part Owner	5	730
Tenant	2	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	31	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	49	5,085

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<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	25	8,200
Land in Farms	2,835	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$142,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	408	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	23	7,150
Part Owner	0	730
Tenant	2	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	9	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	16	5,085

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	166	8,200
Land in Farms	15,432	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$3,419,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,869	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

<b><u>Tenure</u></b>		
Women Principal Operators who are...		
Full Owner	145	7,150
Part Owner	15	730
Tenant	6	320

<b><u>Primary Occupation</u></b>		
Women Principal Operators whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	59	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	107	5,085

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	96	8,200
Land in Farms	10,587	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,003,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	690	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>13.9%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	90	7,150
Part Owner	1	730
Tenant	5	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	29	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	67	5,085

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Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	3	8,200
Land in Farms	73	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	(undisclosed)	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	81	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	3	7,150
Part Owner	0	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	0	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	3	5,085

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Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	89	8,200
Land in Farms	4,702	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$588,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	608	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>14.6%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

<b><u>Tenure</u></b>		
Women Principal Operators who are...		
Full Owner	87	7,150
Part Owner	2	730
Tenant	0	320

<b><u>Primary Occupation</u></b>		
Women Principal Operators whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	40	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	49	5,085

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	168	8,200
Land in Farms	19,499	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$9,906,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	907	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>18.5%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	134	7,150
Part Owner	17	730
Tenant	17	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	18	8,200
Land in Farms	743	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$61,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	214	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>8.4%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	17	7,150
Part Owner	1	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	10	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	8	5,085

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	46	8,200
Land in Farms	5,453	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$719,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	620	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>7.4%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	43	7,150
Part Owner	3	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	28	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	18	5,085

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	68	8,200
Land in Farms	9,350	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$649,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	587	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>11.6%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	56	7,150
Part Owner	9	730
Tenant	3	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	31	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	37	5,085

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	14	8,200
Land in Farms	2,307	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$41,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	120	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>11.7%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	14	7,150
Part Owner	0	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	6	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	8	5,085

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	118	8,200
Land in Farms	17,145	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,293,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,304	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>9.0%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	108	7,150
Part Owner	8	730
Tenant	2	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	41	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	77	5,085

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	66	8,200
Land in Farms	2,889	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$307,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	488	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>13.5%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	59	7,150
Part Owner	5	730
Tenant	2	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	29	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	37	5,085

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	64	8,200
Land in Farms	6,908	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$2,425,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	697	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>9.2%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	57	7,150
Part Owner	7	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	23	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	41	5,085

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<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	58	8,200
Land in Farms	13,738	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	(undisclosed)	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	538	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>10.8%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	54	7,150
Part Owner	3	730
Tenant	1	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	11	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	47	5,085

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	92	8,200
Land in Farms	6,480	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$554,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	821	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>11.2%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	87	7,150
Part Owner	4	730
Tenant	1	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	45	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	47	5,085

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**Women Principal Farm Operators**

**Campbell County**



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Nationally 30% of all farm operators and 14% of principal operators are women. In Kentucky, there are 31,419 women operators of which 8,200 are principle operators. Farms with women principal operators comprised 876,256 acres and generated \$227, 699,000 in sales. Of all women principal operators in the state, 87.2% are full owners.

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To learn more about women farm operators in the 2012 Agriculture Census, go to:  
[http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Online\\_Resources/Highlights/Women\\_Farmers/Highlights\\_Women\\_Farmers.pdf](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Online_Resources/Highlights/Women_Farmers/Highlights_Women_Farmers.pdf)

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	56	8,200
Land in Farms	2,358	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$202,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	504	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>11.1%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	47	7,150
Part Owner	9	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	21	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	35	5,085

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**Carlisle County**

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 Julie N. Zimmerman, Professor, Rural Sociology

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	36	8,200
Land in Farms	3,612	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$513,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	325	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>11.1%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	32	7,150
Part Owner	2	730
Tenant	2	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	8	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	28	5,085

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