

# Women Principal Farm Operators



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## Knox County

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	29	8,200
Land in Farms	3,708	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$534,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	243	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>11.9%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

### **Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	17	7,150
Part Owner	11	730
Tenant	1	320

### **Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	6	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	23	5,085

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	85	8,200
Land in Farms	8,487	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$892,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	720	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	74	7,150
Part Owner	10	730
Tenant	1	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	36	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	78	8,200
Land in Farms	5,083	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$383,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,006	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>7.8%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	62	7,150
Part Owner	16	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	15	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	63	5,085

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Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	43	8,200
Land in Farms	4,716	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$122,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	291	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>14.8%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	37	7,150
Part Owner	4	730
Tenant	2	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	10	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	33	5,085

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Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	8	8,200
Land in Farms	724	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$24,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	142	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...		
Full Owner	8	7,150
Part Owner	0	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...		
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Primary Occupation is other than Farming	5	5,085

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<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	1	8,200
Land in Farms	(undisclosed)	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	(undisclosed)	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	15	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>6.7%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

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

**Primary Occupation**

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Primary Occupation is other than Farming	1	5,085

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Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	5	8,200
Land in Farms	102	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	(undisclosed)	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	54	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>9.3%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

<b><u>Tenure</u></b>		
Women Principal Operators who are...		
Full Owner	2	7,150
Part Owner	0	730
Tenant	3	320

<b><u>Primary Occupation</u></b>		
Women Principal Operators whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	3	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	2	5,085

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Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	77	8,200
Land in Farms	9,960	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$478,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	676	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>11.4%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

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Full Owner	72	7,150
Part Owner	5	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

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Primary Occupation is other than Farming	66	5,085

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Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	108	8,200
Land in Farms	17,949	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,454,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,202	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>9.0%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

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**Livingston County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	41	8,200
Land in Farms	10,423	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$875,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	403	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>10.2%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	35	7,150
Part Owner	6	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	12	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	29	5,085

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**Logan County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	87	8,200
Land in Farms	7,598	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$543,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,060	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>8.2%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	81	7,150
Part Owner	3	730
Tenant	3	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	19	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	68	5,085

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**Lyon County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	25	8,200
Land in Farms	4,335	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,002,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	219	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>11.4%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	24	7,150
Part Owner	1	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	8	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	17	5,085

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**McCracken County**



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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	70	8,200
Land in Farms	3,953	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$235,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	447	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>15.7%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	65	7,150
Part Owner	3	730
Tenant	2	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	23	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	47	5,085

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**McCreary County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	13	8,200
Land in Farms	1,283	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$49,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	155	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	11	7,150
Part Owner	2	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	2	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	11	5,085

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**McLean County**



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<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	29	8,200
Land in Farms	2,365	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$10,444,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	413	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>7.0%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	26	7,150
Part Owner	3	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	19	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	10	5,085

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**Madison County**

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<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	144	8,200
Land in Farms	19,361	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$4,353,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,219	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	126	7,150
Part Owner	16	730
Tenant	2	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	64	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	80	5,085

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**Magoffin County**



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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	37	8,200
Land in Farms	6,102	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$74,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	361	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>10.2%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	34	7,150
Part Owner	2	730
Tenant	1	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	10	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	27	5,085

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**Marion County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	63	8,200
Land in Farms	5,723	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$893,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,016	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>6.2%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	53	7,150
Part Owner	7	730
Tenant	3	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	24	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	39	5,085

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**Women Principal Farm Operators**

**Marshall County**



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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><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	74	8,200
Land in Farms	6,453	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,972,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	719	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...		
Full Owner	64	7,150
Part Owner	9	730
Tenant	1	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	26	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	48	5,085

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**Martin County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	4	8,200
Land in Farms	(D)	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$8,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	20	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>20.0%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

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

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	0	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	4	5,085

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