



# News Release

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## KENTUCKY CASH RECEIPTS EXCEED \$4.8 BILLION IN SALES

Cash receipts received by Kentucky farmers for the sale of farm commodities totaled \$4.84 billion for 2008 according to the Kentucky Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 7 percent from the revised 2007 value of \$4.52 billion. Livestock and livestock product sales generated \$2.91 billion, down 2 percent from the 2007 level while crop cash receipts totaled \$1.93 billion, up 24 percent.

Sales of horses and stud fees continued to be the leading source of cash receipts for Kentucky farmers. During 2008 sales of horses and stud fees totaled \$1.08 billion (22 percent of the State's total receipts). Receipts were down \$45.0 million from the 2007 level. All poultry (broilers, chicken eggs, farm chickens and other poultry) continued second with \$917.5 million, up 5 percent from 2007. Broiler receipts made up \$743.8 million of the poultry total. Corn (the largest crop) was third with \$653.0 million, up 30 percent from 2007. Cattle and calves were fourth with \$574.4 million, down 5 percent from 2007.

Livestock products made up 60 percent of the total cash receipts for 2008. Sales of horses and stud fees made up 37 percent of livestock and livestock product receipts during 2008. All poultry made up 32 percent and cattle and calves made up 20 percent.

Crop cash receipts made up 40 percent of Kentucky's total cash receipts. Corn sales accounted for 34 percent of crop cash receipts. Soybeans made up 20 percent and tobacco made up 19 percent.

| COMMODITY                           | 2006 <u>1/</u> | 2007 <u>1/</u> | 2008      | 2008<br>% of<br>Total | 2008<br>% of<br>2007 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| (1,000 Dollars)                     |                |                |           |                       |                      |
| <b><u>LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS 2/</u></b> | 2,667,529      | 2,954,443      | 2,907,594 | 60.1                  | 98                   |
| Horses & Mules <u>3/</u>            | 1,110,000      | 1,125,000      | 1,080,000 | 22.3                  | 96                   |
| All Poultry                         | 678,981        | 871,707        | 917,531   | 19.0                  | 105                  |
| Broilers                            | 572,220        | 717,326        | 743,805   | 15.4                  | 104                  |
| Chicken Eggs                        | 73,156         | 120,075        | 130,387   | 2.7                   | 109                  |
| Farm Chickens                       | 1,605          | 1,291          | 2,049     | --                    | 159                  |
| Other Poultry                       | 32,000         | 33,015         | 41,290    | 0.9                   | 125                  |
| Cattle & Calves                     | 595,619        | 605,035        | 574,379   | 11.9                  | 95                   |
| Dairy Products                      | 179,340        | 248,056        | 237,600   | 4.9                   | 96                   |
| Hogs                                | 89,632         | 89,743         | 83,315    | 1.7                   | 93                   |
| Sheep & Lambs                       | 1,791          | 2,363          | 2,206     | --                    | 93                   |
| Honey                               | 613            | 517            | 368       | --                    | 71                   |
| Wool                                | 32             | 33             | 38        | --                    | 115                  |
| Other Livestock <u>4/</u>           | 11,521         | 11,989         | 12,157    | 0.3                   | 101                  |
| <b><u>CROPS 2/ 5/</u></b>           | 1,360,335      | 1,561,944      | 1,930,162 | 39.9                  | 124                  |
| Corn                                | 356,420        | 502,886        | 653,037   | 13.5                  | 130                  |
| Soybeans                            | 324,734        | 387,778        | 383,971   | 7.9                   | 99                   |
| Tobacco                             | 319,785        | 337,785        | 370,238   | 7.7                   | 110                  |
| Wheat                               | 86,048         | 69,346         | 210,817   | 4.4                   | 304                  |
| Hay                                 | 149,128        | 140,148        | 179,717   | 3.7                   | 128                  |
| Greenhouse/ Nursery                 | 81,870         | 87,840         | 85,865    | 1.8                   | 98                   |
| Vegetables                          | 21,020         | 21,200         | 22,460    | 0.5                   | 106                  |
| Other Fruits, Nuts & Berries        | 4,455          | 2,080          | 4,880     | 0.1                   | 235                  |
| Sorghum Grain                       | 4,259          | 4,080          | 4,056     | 0.1                   | 99                   |
| Peaches                             | 1,676          | 41             | 2,608     | 0.1                   | 6,361                |
| Apples                              | 1,959          | 1,483          | 1,741     | --                    | 117                  |
| Barley                              | 891            | 99             | 772       | --                    | 780                  |
| Other Crops <u>6/</u>               | 8,090          | 7,178          | 10,000    | 0.2                   | 139                  |
| <b><u>ALL COMMODITIES 2/</u></b>    | 4,027,864      | 4,516,387      | 4,837,756 | 100.0                 | 107                  |

Source: USDA – Economic Research Service

-- Indicates less than .05%. Percent may not be accurate to .1 because of method of machine computation.  
1/Revised. 2/May not add due to rounding. 3/Includes stud fees. 4/Includes goats, rabbits, bison and all other livestock. 5/Forest products not included in farm cash receipts, but are included in net farm income. 6/Includes popcorn, sunflowers, other seeds, other field crops and mushrooms.

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