

# Marion County

Data from the 2017 Census of Agriculture

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number of Farms                  | 954 Farms                                                                 |
| Land in Farms                    | 162,949 Acres                                                             |
| Land in Farms Use                | Cropland - 52%<br>Pasture - 26%<br>Woodland - 19%<br>Buildings/Other - 3% |
| # of Farmers                     | 1,446                                                                     |
| Market Value of Ag Products Sold | \$60,230,000                                                              |
| Rank in State of 120             | 31st                                                                      |
| Grain Sales                      | \$20,327,000                                                              |
| Tobacco Sales                    | \$3,701,000                                                               |
| Vegetable Sales                  | \$292,000                                                                 |
| Fruit/Nut/Berry Sales            | \$39,000                                                                  |
| Nursery/Greenhouse               | \$174,000                                                                 |
| Hay Sales                        | \$2,723,000                                                               |
| Poultry & Egg Sales              | Not Reported                                                              |
| Cattle Sales                     | \$24,592,000                                                              |
| Milk Sales                       | \$4,310,000                                                               |
| Hog Sales                        | \$3,654,000                                                               |
| Sheep/Goat Sales                 | \$90,000                                                                  |
| Horse Sales                      | \$92,000                                                                  |
| Aquaculture Sales                | \$0                                                                       |
| Other Animal Sales               | Not Reported                                                              |



## County Crops and Livestock:

Hay  
 Corn  
 Vegetables  
 Tobacco  
 Fruit  
 Chickens  
 Cattle  
 Goats  
 Hogs  
 Sheep  
 Horses  
 Turkeys

## Farm Profiles

### Bill Mattingly Farm

Bill Mattingly is from a farming family, and he lives and works on the farm where he grew up in Lebanon. In 1986, he married Susan and bought the 75 dairy cows and farm equipment from his parents to support his new family. In 1991, they bought the land from his father and expanded the dairy and milked up to 200 cows a day.

In March of 2016, they decided to exit the milk business, but they still raise young cows for other dairy farmers. They also raise beef cattle.

**Source:** *Eunice Schlappi, Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Audrey McGowan*



### Downs Farms

Downs Farms, operated by Mark and Samantha Downs, is located in Lebanon, Kentucky. They purchased their farm in 2019 and grow burley tobacco, soybeans, corn and wheat. They also raise beef cattle. Downs Farms was named Marion County Kentucky Farm Bureau's Young Farm Family of 2019.





## Loretto Motherhouse Farm

[Loretto Motherhouse Farm](#) is located in Nerinx. They produce high quality beef and grains, while caring for the environment and serving as a place of education.

The 789 acre farm is owned by the Sisters of Loretto, and managed by Cody Rakes. Multiple conservation practices such as riparian buffer zones, Forest Stand Improvement, and pollinator habitat zones have been implemented across the farm.