

Letcher County

Data from the 2017 Census of Agriculture

Number of Farms	103 Farms
Land in Farms	5,623 Acres
Land in Farms Use	Cropland - 7% Pasture - 31% Woodland - 54% Buildings/Other - 8%
# of Farmers	176
Market Value of Ag Products Sold	\$138,000
Rank in State of 120	119th
Grain Sales	\$6,000
Tobacco Sales	\$0
Vegetable Sales	\$12,000
Fruit/Nut/Berry Sales	\$19,000
Nursery/Greenhouse	\$0
Hay Sales	\$24,000
Poultry & Egg Sales	\$27,000
Cattle Sales	\$46,000
Milk Sales	\$0
Hog Sales	Not Reported
Sheep/Goat Sales	\$1,000
Horse Sales	Not Reported
Aquaculture Sales	\$0
Other Animal Sales	\$0



County Crops and Livestock:

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

Farm Profiles

SouthDown Farms

Seth and Sheryl Long have been growing produce on their 55 acre farm since 1998. SouthDown, located in Ermine, Kentucky, started as a way for the family to grow their own fresh produce and to teach their kids about life on a farm.

Many of the 55 acres were not ideal for farming large amounts of produce, so the family was not able to expand their growing until 2016 when they were introduced to Market Gardening methods of growing, which is done on a small scale and sold directly to consumers.

In 2017 the Longs were introduced to methods of tapping into maple trees to obtain syrup.

Now SouthDown Farms sells all sorts of fruits, vegetables, and maple syrup to the local community through a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) subscription program, and at farmers markets.

There is also a farm store directly on the lands of SouthDown where they love to sell baked goods in addition to their produce.

SouthDown is certified Kentucky Proud, Appalachia Proud, and a member of the Kentucky Maple Syrup Association.



