

# Mercer County Fact Sheet

2022 KENTUCKY EQUINE SURVEY

This data comes from the 2022 Kentucky Equine Survey conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), with support and assistance by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and the Kentucky Horse Council.

It is estimated that there are 3,200 horses in Mercer County, residing on 550 equine operations. The total value of Mercer County's equine and equine-related assets was \$68.89 million. Full details of the report may be found online at [equine.ca.uky.edu/kyequinesurvey](http://equine.ca.uky.edu/kyequinesurvey).

For the purposes of this study, an "equine operation" is defined as an address on which at least one horse, pony, donkey or mule resides. From this study, it was determined that an equine operation encompasses the large breeding farms, property on which equines are kept for personal use and other land with a primary use that may not be equine-related, such as a cattle operation or crop farm. It is estimated that there are a total of 31,000 equine operations throughout Kentucky. These equine operations accounted for a total of 4.3 million acres of land, of which 900,000 acres were devoted to equine-related activities.

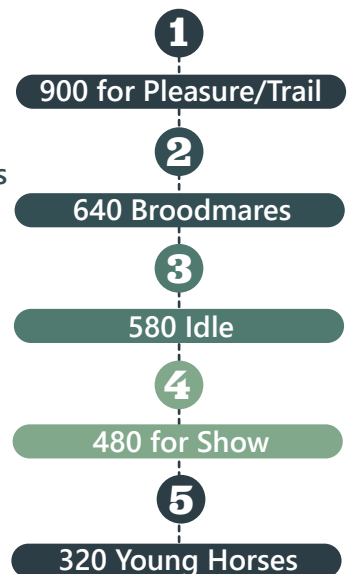


## Mercer County Equine Facts

Total Equine Population: ..... 3,200  
 Total Equine Operations: ..... 550  
 Total Equine Acres: ..... 17,000  
 Income From Services: ..... N/A  
 Number of Equine Sold: ..... 400  
 Value of Equine Sold: ..... N/A



## Top 5 Uses of Horses



## Mercer County Rankings

- #7 in Equine Acres
- #9 in Equine Value
- #10 in Equine Operations



# Kentucky State Fact Sheet

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Kentucky

## Equine Facts

Total Equine Population:	209,500
Total Equine Operations:	31,000
Total Equine Acres:	900,000
Total Operating Expenditures:	\$1 billion
Capital Expenditures:	\$535 million
Income from Sales and Services:	\$2 billion
Value of Equine and Equine-Related Assets:	\$27.7 billion

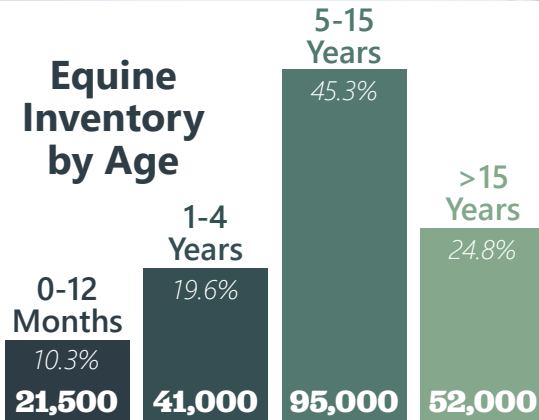


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### Labor on Equine Operations



### Equine Inventory by Age



### Kentucky Equine

## Breed Population

Thoroughbreds	48,500
Quarter Horses	35,000
Walking Horses	28,500
Donkeys & Mules	13,500
American Saddlebreds	12,000
Mountain Horse Breeds	10,500
Standardbreds	9,200
Warmbloods	7,000
Pony Breeds	6,400
Miniature Horses	6,100
Paint Horses	5,500
Draft Horse Breeds	4,800
Arabian and Half-Arabians	4,200
Appaloosas	3,200
Morgans	1,800
Paso Finos	1,200
Hackney Ponies	900
Pintos (excludes Paint)	700
Others	10,500

### Primary Uses of Kentucky's Equines

Trail riding/pleasure	62,500
Broodmares	33,500
Idle/not working	32,500
Competition/show	20,000
Yearlings, weanlings & foals	22,000
Racing	13,500
Work/transportation	11,500
Other activities	10,000
Stallions at stud	4,000

