Nicholas 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 1,500 horses in Nicholas County, residing on 200 equine operations. The total value of Nicholas County's equine and equine-related assets was \$9.63 million. Full details of the report may be found online at equinesurvey.

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.









Top 5 Uses of Horses

Nicholas County Equine Facts











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Kentucky

Equine Facts

Total Equine Population:	
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 hillion	



Labor on Equine Operations

Operations		
6,200 Part-Time Workers	6,300 Full-Time Workers	

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Months 21,500

5-15 **Years** 45.3% >15 Years 41,000 95,000 52,000

Kentucky Equine

Breed Population

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Thoroughbreds	48,500
Quarter Horses	35,000
Walking Horses	28,500
Donkeys & Mules	13,500
American Saddlebreds	
Mountain Horse Breed	s 10,500
Standardbreds	9,200
Warmbloods	
Pony Breeds	6,400
Miniature Horses	6,100
Paint Horses	5,500
Draft Horse Breeds	
Arabian and Half-Arab	ians <i>4,200</i>
Appaloosas	3,200
Morgans	
Paso Finos	
Hackney Ponies	900
Pintos (excludes Paint)	700
Others	10,500

Primary Uses of Kentucky's Equines

10.3%

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Trail riding/pleasure 6	52,500
Broodmares	33,500
Idle/not working	B2,500
Competition/show2	20,000
Yearlings, weanlings & foals2	22,000
Racing	13,500
Work/transportation	11,500
Other activities	0,000
Stallions at stud	4,000





