Shelby County Fact Sheet

2022 KENTUCKY EOUINE 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 5,900 horses in Shelby County, residing on 800 equine operations. The total value of Shelby County's equine and equine-related assets was \$131.77 million. Full details of the report may be found online at 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.







Saddlebreds



Shelby County **Equine Facts**

Total Equine Population: 5,900 Total Equine Operations: 800 Total Equine Acres: 20,000 Income From Services: ..\$29,000,000 Number of Equine Sold: 750 Value of Equine Sold:\$16,500,000

Population of 1,500 Value of \$42,750,000 **Top Six Breeds**

Hackney

Value N/A

Population of 300

Ponies

Quarter Horses Population of 850 Value of \$5,525,000

Thoroughbreds Population of 800 Value of \$56,000,000

Warmbloods Population of 300 Value of \$13,500,000

Walking Horses Population of 300 Value of \$1,185,000

Shelby County Rankings

#3 in Equine Operations, #4 in Equine Population and #5 in Equine Acres

#6 in Equine Operation Income, #7 in Equine Value and #8 in Number of Equine Sold





Top 6 Uses of Horses 1,400 for Pleasure/Trail 1,400 for Show 1,000 Idle 730 Broodmares 410 Young Horses 300 for Racing

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Equine Facts



Labor on Equine Operations

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

Equine
Inventory
by Age
1-4
Yea

by Age		
	1-4	
	Years	
0-12	19.6%	
Months		
10.3%		
21,500	41,000	

5-15 Years 45.3%	
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	Years
	24.8%
95,000	52,000

Kentucky Equine

Breed Population

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

Primary Uses of Kentucky's Equines

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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





