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## The Ag Census Confirms Geographic and Commodity Shifts in the Kentucky Farm Economy

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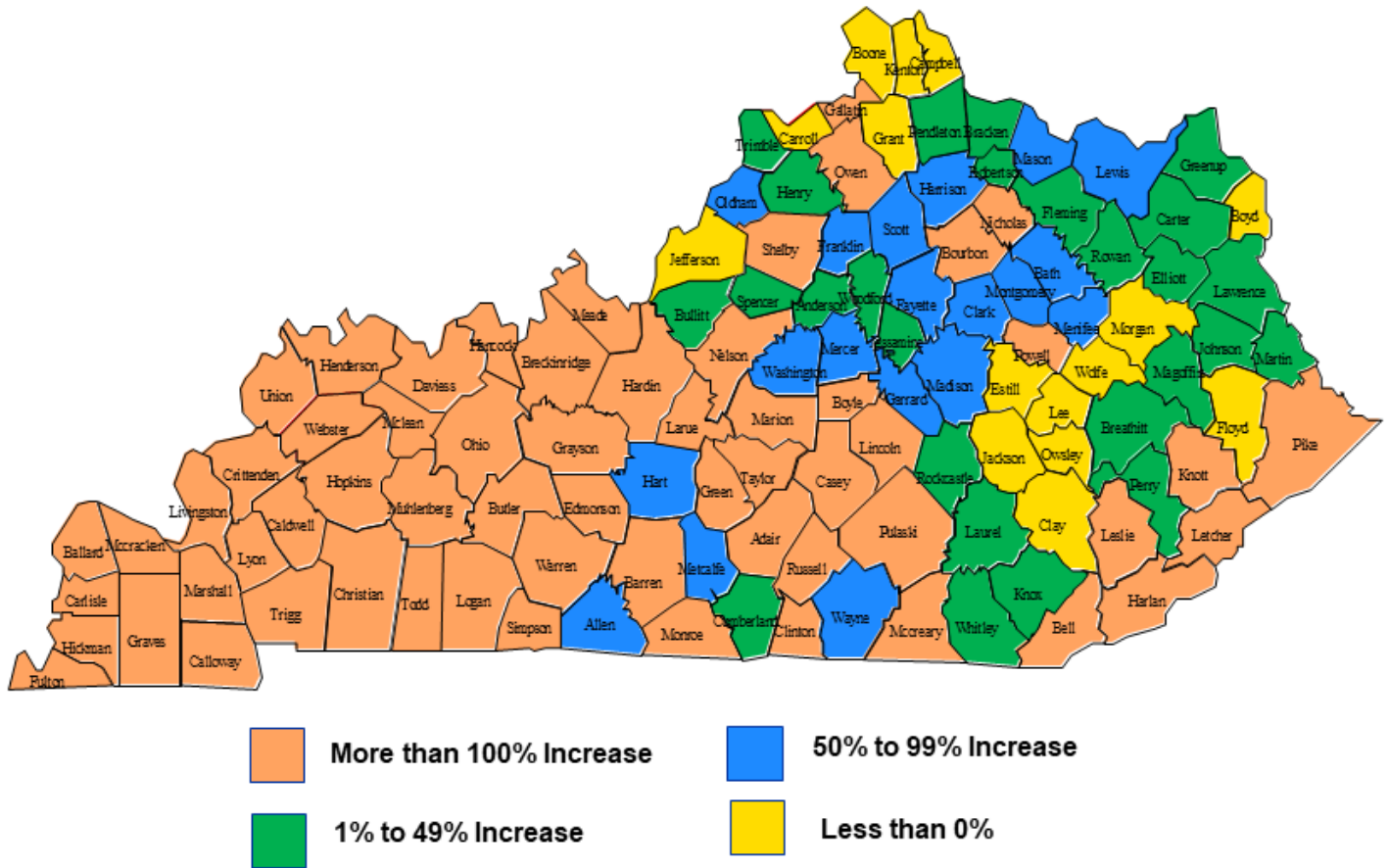
The twenty-year time frame between the latest USDA Ag Census (2022) released earlier this year and the 2002 Ag Census occurred during a period of dramatic changes in Kentucky agriculture. During this two-decade period, the tobacco buyout was passed (in 2004) and implemented (2005-2014), the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board made significant investments to support ag diversification across the Commonwealth, and the state's agricultural economy benefited greatly from growth in grain receipts (increased by more than 400%) and poultry receipts (increased by more than 200%). On the other end of the spectrum, tobacco receipts fell by 44% from 2002 to 2022, while dairy sales increased less than 10%. Overall, the Census data reveal that the market value of agricultural products sold in Kentucky increased from \$3.1 billion in 2002 to \$8.0 billion in 2022. However, the increase was not spread uniformly across the state. The two most western Kentucky Agricultural Statistical Districts (Purchase and Midwestern) experienced increases surpassing 200%, while the Eastern and Northern Kentucky districts realized minimal gains (53% and 27% respectively).

**Table 1: Market Value and Market Share by Kentucky Agriculture Statistical District (2002 vs 2022)**

KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICT	2022		2002		GROWTH IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT SALES (2022 VS 2002)
	MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT SALES	MARKET SHARE OF KY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT SALES	MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT SALES	MARKET SHARE OF KY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT SALES	
BLUEGRASS	\$1,706,675,000	21.3%	\$940,762,000	30.5%	81.4%
CENTRAL	\$1,728,024,000	21.6%	\$647,960,000	21.0%	166.7%
EASTERN	\$282,957,000	3.5%	\$184,877,000	6.0%	53.1%
MIDWESTERN	\$2,732,209,000	34.1%	\$718,189,000	23.3%	280.4%
NORTHERN	\$182,479,000	2.3%	\$143,689,000	4.7%	27.0%
PURCHASE	\$1,373,408,000	17.2%	\$444,605,000	14.4%	208.9%
KENTUCKY	\$8,005,752,000		\$3,080,082,000		159.9%

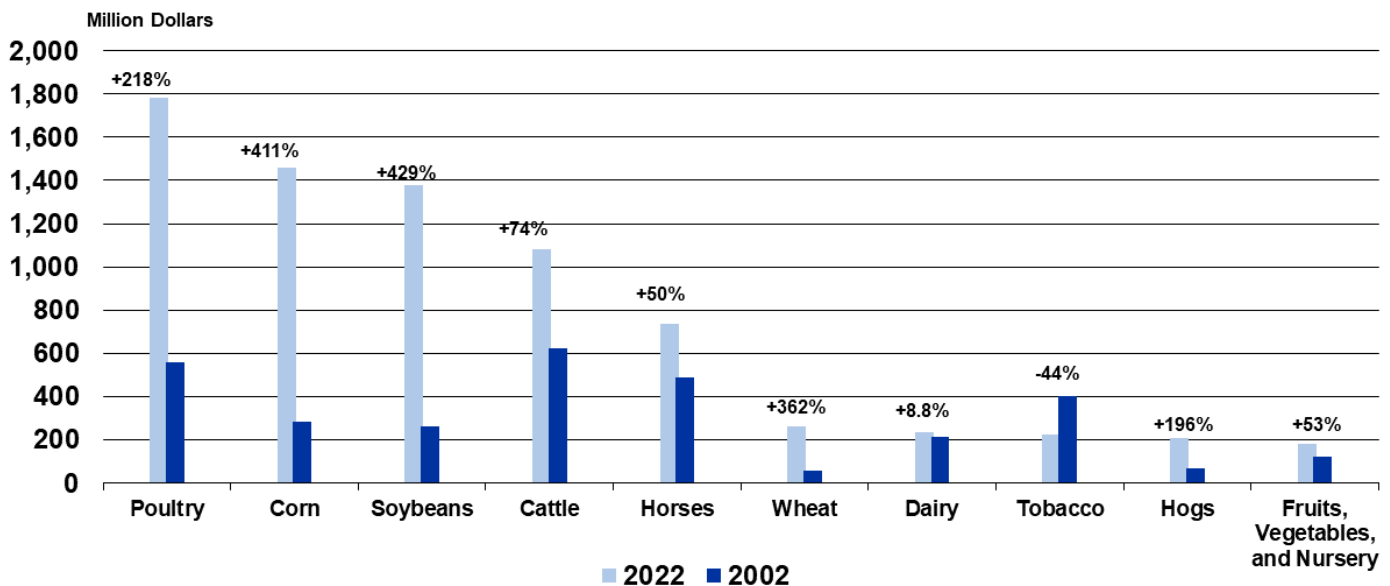


**Figure 2: Percentage Change in the Market Value of Agricultural Product Sales (2022 vs. 2002)**



Source: USDA Ag Census

**Figure 3: Market Value of Kentucky Agricultural Sales (2022 vs. 2002)**



Source: USDA Ag Census

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