

## ***DIRECTOR'S NOTE***

We are pleased to present the 2008-2009 on-line edition of the *Kentucky Agricultural Statistics and Annual Report*. This report represents a cooperative effort between USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kentucky Field Office, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and contains current statistics for Kentucky's agricultural industry.

Our organization has been providing vital information to producers and agri-businesses for over 140 years. The information found in this report provides an accurate and unbiased picture on the current state of agriculture in the Commonwealth.

The voluntary cooperation of thousands of farmers and agri-businesses, and the dedicated efforts of the Kentucky Field Office staff in compiling the collected data, are essential for us to maintain reliable facts regarding the changing face of Kentucky agriculture. Also, special thanks go to the dedicated staff of field and telephone enumerators who have spent many hours collecting the data used in this publication.

Please contact us anytime with your questions, comments and requests for information. We are dedicated to serving the agricultural data needs for all users in the Commonwealth.

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