\$2 Billion

Agritourism in Fayette County

2016 ECONOMIC
IMPACT OF ALL
TOURISM IN
FAYETTE COUNTY





Source: Certec, 2017

Sales Estimates	Keeneland	KHP
Accommodations	\$19.5 M	\$9.1 M
Food & Drinking Places	\$19.6 M	\$11.7 M
Gasoline	\$7.7 M	\$ 6.9 M
Other Retail	\$4.2 M	\$3.7 M

Source: Bollinger (2015) and CEDIK (2017)

Horse Country Kentucky

A relatively new tourism initiative for the equine industry, Horse Country Kentucky is similar to the bourbon trail. There are currently 20 different tour options that include horse farms, equine clinics, and training facilities.



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What Visitors to Lexington Want to Experience

According to VisitLex, the top five requests in the last year from visitors:

- 1. Horse Farm Tours
- 2. The Lexington Walk & Bluegrass Country Driving Tour
- 3. Bourbon Distilleries
- 4. Kentucky Horse Park
- 5. Keeneland

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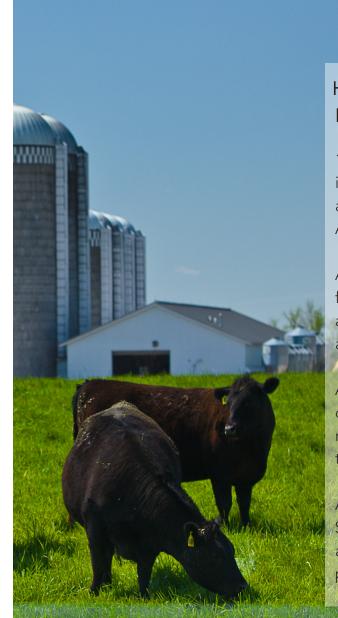


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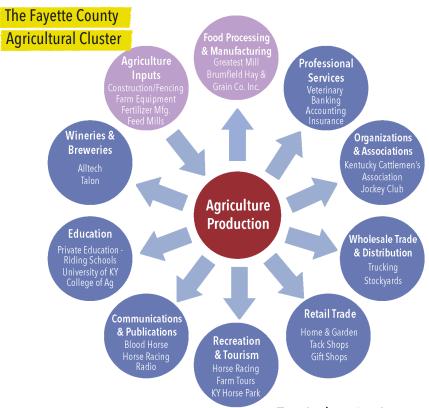
HOW IMPORTANT IS AGRICULTURE?

1 out of every 12 jobs is directly or indirectly associated with Agriculture.

Agriculture accounts for \$2.3 billion in annual economic activity.

Agriculture contributes \$8.5 million to the local tax base via payroll.

Agriculture generates \$1.3 billion in additional income, profits, and dividends. Fayette County has a diverse economy... and Agriculture in Fayette County includes so much more than farming!



Agriculture Jobs (TOP 6)

Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animal Farmworkers First-Line Supervisors in Farming, Fishing, & Forestry Crop, Nursery, & Greenhouse Farmworkers & Laborers Animal Breeders Ag Equipment Operators All Other Ag Workers

Ag-related Jobs (TOP 6)

Farmers, Ranchers, & Other Ag Managers Nonfarm Animal Caretakers Animal Trainers Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers Veterinarians Ag & Food Science Technicians

Top Industries Impacted by a 10% Loss in Agricultural Sales

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Production agriculture (in addition to the 10% loss)

Real estate

Petroleum refineries

Truck transportation

Maint. & repair construction of nonresidential structures

Other local government enterprises

Insurance carriers

Monetary authorities & depository credit intermediation

Insurance agencies, brokerages, and related activities

Electric power transmission and distribution

Accounting, tax prep, bookkeeping, & payroll services Warehousing and storage

Management of companies and enterprises

Employment services

Source: IMPLAN, 2014

Agriculture contributes both to the local economy as well as the rural landscape that creates an attractive location to work, play, and stay.

Top Five Ag Products in Fayette County by Sales:

Horses and other equine

Breeding and other support services

Cattle and calves

Tobacco

Grains and oilseeds

Source: Census of Agriculture, 2012

In 2012, Fayette County ranked first in Kentucky and the United States for horse and pony inventory and sales as well first in "breeding and other support services" which includes equine breeding operations. In addition, Fayette County ranked 4th and 5th in the state in cut Christmas trees and nursery and greenhouse products, respectively.



Lexington is home to 2 world renowned equine veterinarian hospitals, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital & Hagyard Equine Medical Institute.