

Kentucky ranks low in environmental protection

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When it comes to environmental protection, Kentucky has some work to do. That's according to a recent study by SmileHub.com, which ranks Kentucky as the sixth-worst state for environmental protection. Overall, the Bluegrass State was ranked 45th.

Kentucky ranks 39th in Environmental Protection Charities per Capita, 42nd in Share of State Land Designated for Parks and Wildlife, 37th in Energy Efficiency Score, 42nd in Share of Population Using Green Transportation, 41st in Total Tonnage of Landfill Waste per Capita, 31st in Industrial Toxins per Square Mile of Land Area, and 20th in Vulnerability to Climate Change.

According to the latest data from the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States produces over 292 million tons of waste per year, or over 4.9 pounds per person a day. Over 50% of Americans worry a great deal about the pollution of water sources and the contamination of soil and water by toxic waste.

SmileHub compared the 50 states across 25 key metrics, with California ranked as the Most Environmentally-Friendly State with a score of 78.06, followed by Washington (72.74), New York (71.57), Vermont (70.02), Maryland (69.41), Hawaii (69.22), Massachusetts (68.29), New Jersey (67.73), Ore-

gon (66.69), and Virginia (66.02) rounding out of the Top 10, all Blue States. Kentucky's total score was 33.60. Louisiana ranked dead last with a score of 27.56, ahead of West Virginia (27.61), Mississippi (27.90), Alabama (31.65), and North Dakota (33.29). All of those states are considered Red States.

To determine the best states for environmental protection, SmileHub compared the 50 states across three key dimensions: 1) Environmental Protection, 2) Energy Consumption & Waste Disposal, and 3) Emission & Pollution Contributions. Kentucky scored 47, 43, and 44 in

those three dimensions. The website then evaluated those dimensions using 25 relevant metrics, each graded on a 100-point score, with 100 representing the highest level of eco-friendliness.

California ranked 1 in Environmental Protection, with New York taking the top spot for Energy Consumption & Waste Disposal, and Hawaii came in No. 1 in Emission & Pollution Contributions.

California had the most environmental protection charities per capita, while Oklahoma had the fewest. New York and Massachusetts tied for first in the highest share of population

using green transportation, while Mississippi came in last. South Dakota, Washington, Oregon, Iowa, and Maine tied for first in the state with the highest share of renewable energy consumption, while Delaware came in 50th. Rhode Island is the state with the lowest total energy consumption per capita, while Wyoming, North Dakota, Louisiana, and Alaska all tied for 47th in the highest total energy consumption per capita. The state with the lowest total tonnage of landfill waste per capita is Connecticut, with Michigan being the state with the highest.

To view the entire

report, visit <https://smilehub.org/blog/best-states-for-environmental-protection/123>.



**LEGAL NOTICE**

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Notice is hereby given that Keith and Lore Porter, 3147 Mayes Creek Rd., Springfield, KY 40069 has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to remove an existing culvert crossing and install a clear span bridge 8'-0" tall and 26' in length at 3147 Mayes Creek Rd., Springfield, KY 40069. From Springfield take KY-555 North 6.3 miles and turn right onto Mayes Creek Rd. Travel approx. 3.2 miles take a right onto private road at the address 3147 Mayes Creek. Travel 90 feet to the crossing over of Mayes Creek. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions

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USDA reminds Kentucky producers to file crop acreage reports

LEXINGTON — After spring planting is complete, agricultural producers in Kentucky should make an appointment with their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office to complete crop acreage reports before the applicable deadline.

“In order to receive many USDA program benefits, producers should file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline,” said David Wayne, State Executive Director in Kentucky. “Call your local FSA office to make an appointment after planting is complete to report your acreage and take care of any other FSA-related business.”

HOW TO FILE A REPORT

A crop acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch, its intended use and location. Producers should file an accurate crop acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage before the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable in Kentucky: July 15, 2025 — Perennial Forage, all other crops, and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

December 15, 2025 — Fall Seeded Small Grains

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety
- Intended crop use
- Number of crop acres
- Map with approximate crop boundaries
- Planting date(s)
- Planting pattern, when applicable
- Producer share(s)
- Irrigation practice(s)
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable
- Other required information

ACREAGE REPORTING DETAILS

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting deadline, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting deadline, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the acreage reporting date or 15 calendar days before grazing or crop harvesting begins, whichever is earlier.

Producers with perennial forage crops should check with their local FSA office to see if their crops are eligible for continuous certification, which rolls the certified acreage forward each year until a change is made.

PREVENTED PLANTED ACREAGE

Producers should also report the crop acreage they intended to plant but were unable to because of a natural disaster, including drought. Prevented planted acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA).

FARMERS.GOV PORTAL

Producers can access their FSA farm records, maps, and common land units through the farmers.gov customer portal. The portal allows producers to export field boundaries as shapefiles and import and view other shapefiles, such as precision agriculture boundaries within farm records mapping. Producers can view, print and label their maps for acreage reporting purposes. A login.gov account that is linked to a USDA customer record is required to use the portal. Producers can visit farmers.gov/account to learn more about creating an account. Producers who have the authority to act on behalf of another customer as a grantee via an FSA-211 Power of Attorney form, Business Partner Signature Authority or as a member of a business can now access information for

the business in the farmers.gov portal.

GEOSPATIAL ACREAGE REPORTING

Acreage reports using precision agriculture planting boundaries can be filed electronically with an approved insurance provider or an authorized third-party provider, who will then share the file with FSA staff. Producers should notify their local FSA office if they submitted an electronic geospatial acreage report containing precision planting boundaries that they want to use as part of their FSA acreage report.

More Information For

more information, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center.

FSA helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH @ 10:00 AM EST

LIVE ON-SITE AND SIMULCAST BIDDING

4198 SPRINGFIELD RD, BARDSTOWN, KY 40004



3 BEDROOM WITH BONUS ROOM, 3 BATH BRICK HOME WITH OUTBUILDINGS ON 22 ACRES, ZONED A-1, SOLD IN 5 TRACTS LOCATED IN NELSON COUNTY, KY

Tract 1: 2.0 acres zoned A-1 on Poplar Flats Road. There is a 20-foot waterline easement across this tract owned by the City of Bardstown

Tract 2: 5.335 acres zoned A-1 located on Poplar Flats Road and Mary Taylor Lane. There is a 20-foot waterline easement owned by the City of Bardstown

Tract 3: 5.0 acres on Mary Taylor Lane zoned A-1

Tract 4: 5.0 acres on Mary Taylor Lane zoned A-1. This tract includes a 1,820 square foot 3-bedroom home with 3 baths, bonus room, full basement with garage, deck and carport. Outbuildings include a 6 bay machinery shed, cattle stock barn, shop building with a large chicken coop area and a grain bin. There is a temporary construction easement noted on the plat owned by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and also a 20-foot access easement to the remainder of the farm

Tract 5: 5.0 acres located on Hwy 150, and Mary Taylor Road. It is zoned A-1. There is a 20-foot waterline easement owned by the City of Bardstown

A live and simulcast auction will be held for this 3 bedroom, 3 bath brick home with walk-out basement, situated on 22 acres, zoned A-1, located in Nelson County, KY. Property will be sold in 5 tracts ranging from 2 to 5.3 acres. There are multiple outbuildings, including a machinery shed, stock barn, shop, and grain bin.

Go to AREAuctioneers.com to register to bid.

Buddy & Mary "Susie" Taylor Estate

Farm machinery and personal property: John Deere 5420 tractor with mdl 541 loader, cab, New Idea 5209 Discbine, Rhino batwing mower model SE415, New Idea manure spreader model 217, Cub cadet commercial mower, mdl 3660 SN 0c291780017, Ranger ES 4 wheeler, IH McCormick hammermill pto driven, Bush Hog post hole digger, International 8 foot wheel disc, double cultipacker 12 foot, bale unroller, John Deere Van Brunt Model FB SN 516 conventional drill, 8 foot, John Deere grader 6 foot, John Deere Model 80, 4 row corn planter, boom 200 gallon sprayer, One row plow with interchangeable one row shank, Lincoln Arc welder 225 amp, Red Lion concrete mixer, Free standing antique corn sheller, attachable corn sheller, cream can, chain, hand post hole digger, steel barrels, glassware and collectables and much more.

Terms and Conditions: Real Estate: Tract 4 which contains the home, \$50,000 down the day of the auction the balance due within 45 days from the auction date. Tracts 1,2,3, and 5 \$10,000 down the day of the auction the balance due within 45 days from the date of the auction. **Personal Property:** Full payment day of auction. Payment will be in the form of cash, cashier's check, or verified funds. Real estate taxes will be prorated. No contingencies. Property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. No Buyer's Premium. For a complete list of terms and conditions, please visit AREAuctioneers.com.

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