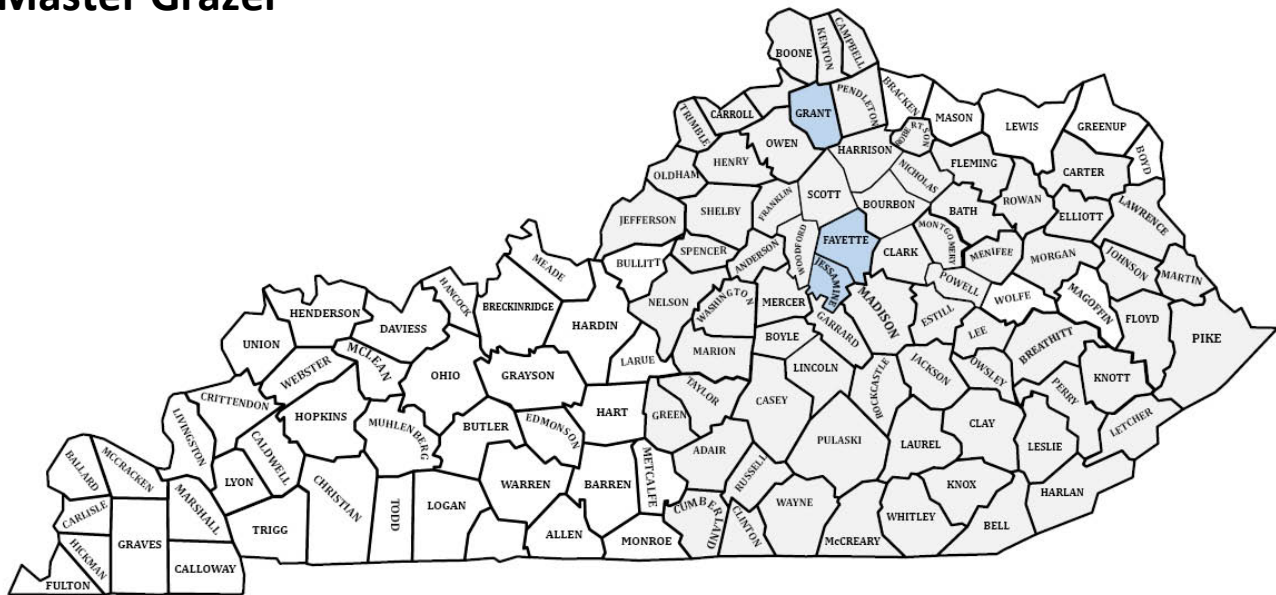


Master Grazer



A total of 3 counties had producers complete the Kentucky Master Grazer program in FY2015. With 7 million acres of land serving as pastures or grazing areas for beef, dairy, goat and sheep herds in the state, the Master Grazer Program is geared toward more efficient utilization of this valuable resource. The program aims to improve the economics of Kentucky livestock agricultural industries through reduced feeding costs, increasing the amount of available grazing, and increasing stocking rates.

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The additional figures below indicate the number of producers across Kentucky who implemented the following practices as a result of involvement in or utilizing resources of the KY Master Grazer Program:

- 53** Total number of producers implementing or improving rotational grazing practices
- 36** Extended grazing season (i.e. stockpiling, warm season grasses, etc) thereby decreasing the amount of hay fed
- 25** Provided water in each grazing paddock
- 20** Increased the number of paddocks
- 48** Renovated pastures with legumes
- 53** Improved management practices of animal grazing (i.e. feed better quality mineral, control parasites)
- 115** Improved forage varieties
- 98** Applied lime and fertilizer according to soil tests