



Division of Conservation Watershed Academy

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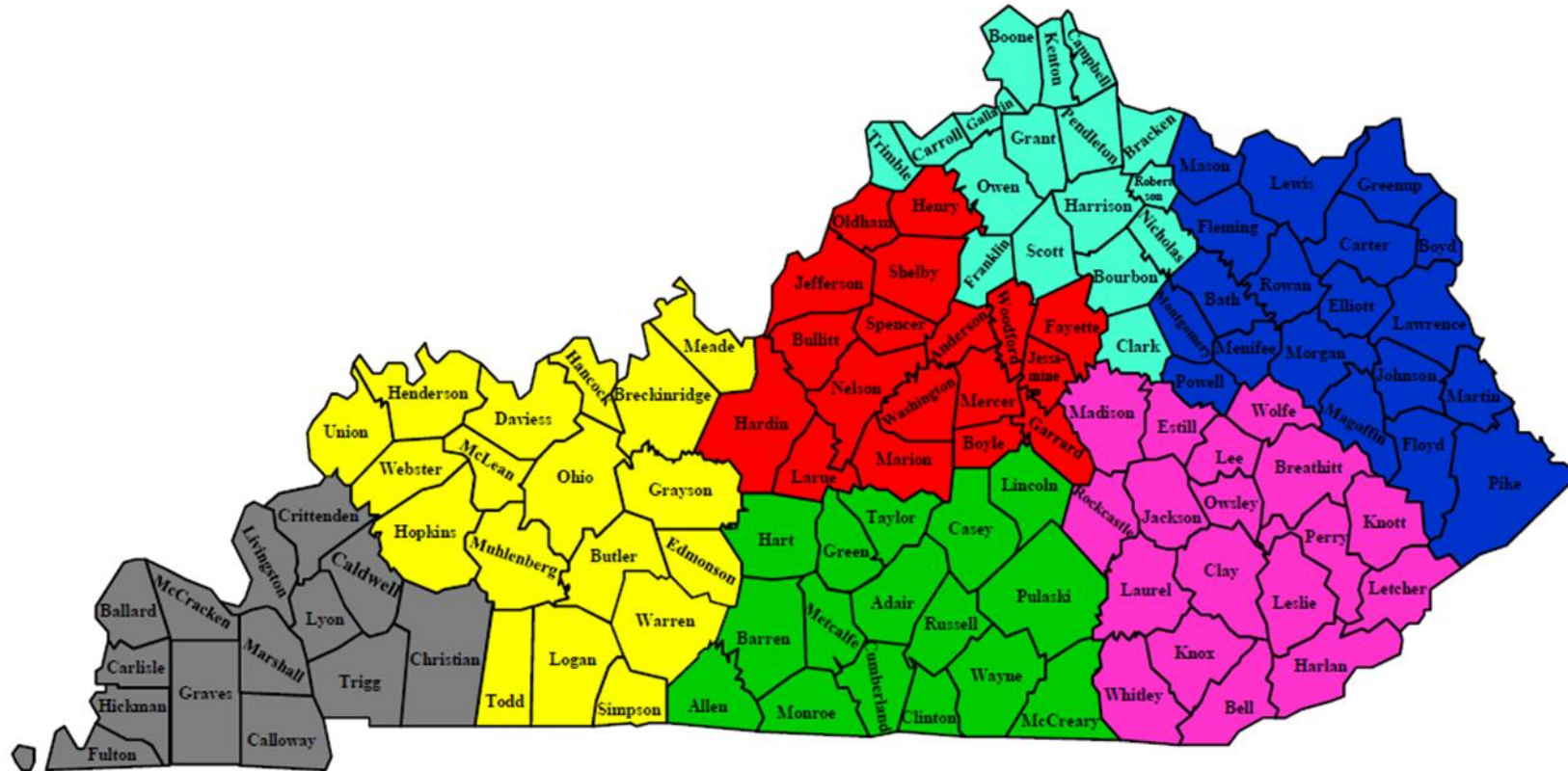
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Division of Conservation

- 7 central office staff
- 7 field staff
- 121 conservation districts
- 847 elected district supervisors
- 9 representatives to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission
- 16 members on the Agriculture Water Quality Authority

Field Representatives



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| Kristine Whybark | Shanna Drake | Kimberly Bartley | Kimberly Barton |
| Steven Olt | Pam Williams | Doug Wilson | |

Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act

- Statute: KRS 224.71-100 through 224.71-145
effective July 15, 1994
- 10+ acres in agriculture or forestry must develop a water quality plan
- Plan includes Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect water quality
- Established the KY Ag Water Quality Authority



Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Authority

The Authority is a multidiscipline peer group that evaluates, develops and improves best management practices in conservation plans. They establish the statewide agriculture water quality plan and otherwise promote soil and water conservation activities that protect waters of the Commonwealth.

KACD

KY Dept. of Ag

UK College of Ag

KY Farm Bureau

Division of Conservation

USDA FSA

USDA NRCS

Division of Public Health

Division of Forestry

Division of Water

KY Geological Survey

At Large Members

Who needs a plan?



Anyone farming or harvesting trees on 10+ acres

Anyone applying for state, or local cost share

- State: Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program
- Local: County Ag Investment Program (CAIP)

What is a plan?

A plan is the list of BMPs that have been implemented on the farm to protect water quality

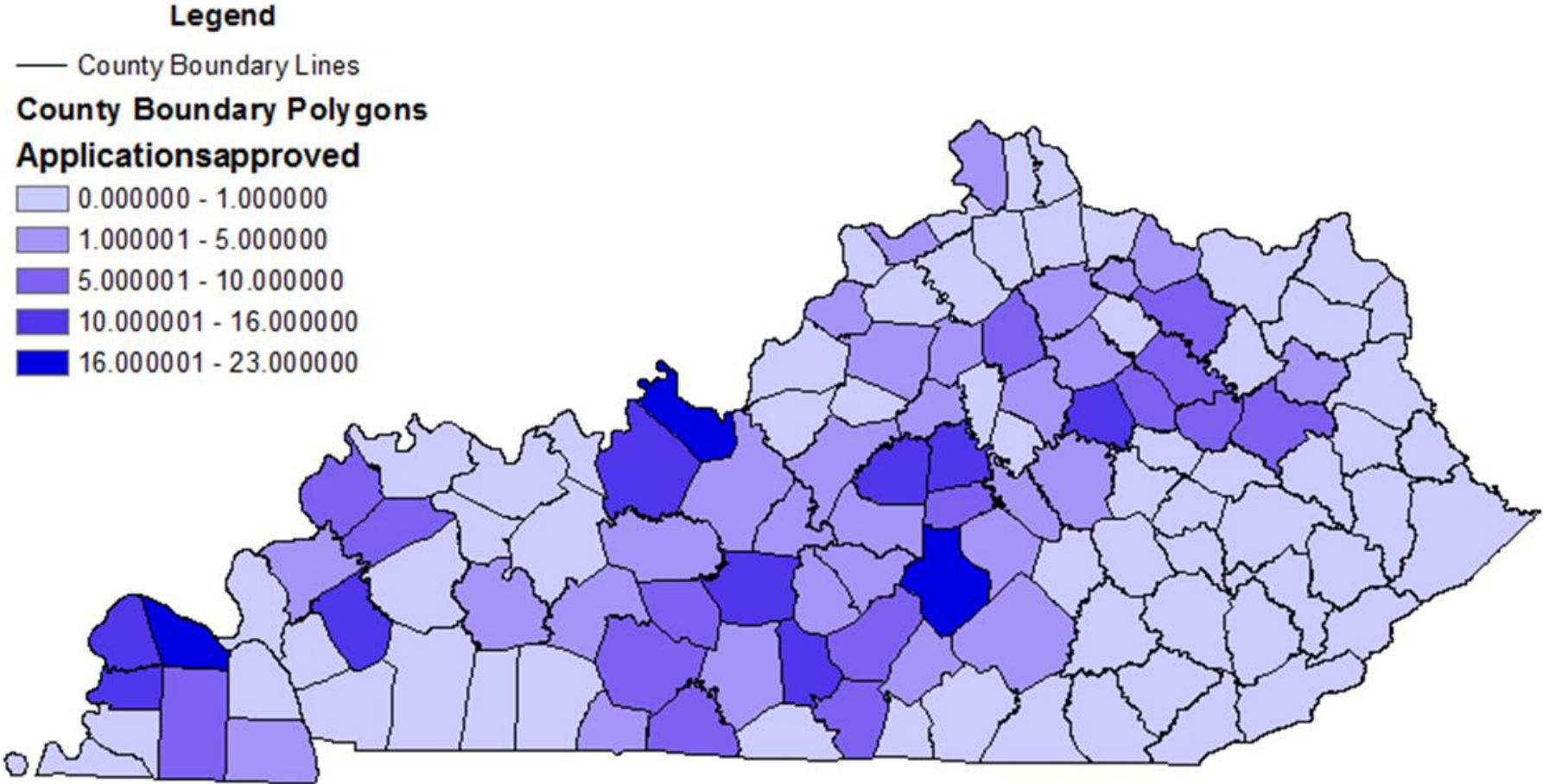
- Livestock
- Crops
- Pesticides and Fertilizers
- Farmstead
- Forestry
- Streams and Other Waters

Plans should be up-to-date and reflect current farm activities

Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program

- Originally established in 1994 and currently funded through the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Funds
- Provides financial assistance to farmers at a 75% reimbursement rate for implementing best management practices on their farms
- Cap of \$7,500 for most practices (Animal waste storage structures \$20,000)*
- FY19 funds approved 722 individuals for over \$4,500,000
- FY20 funds approved 705 individuals for over \$4,500,000

FY19 approved projects



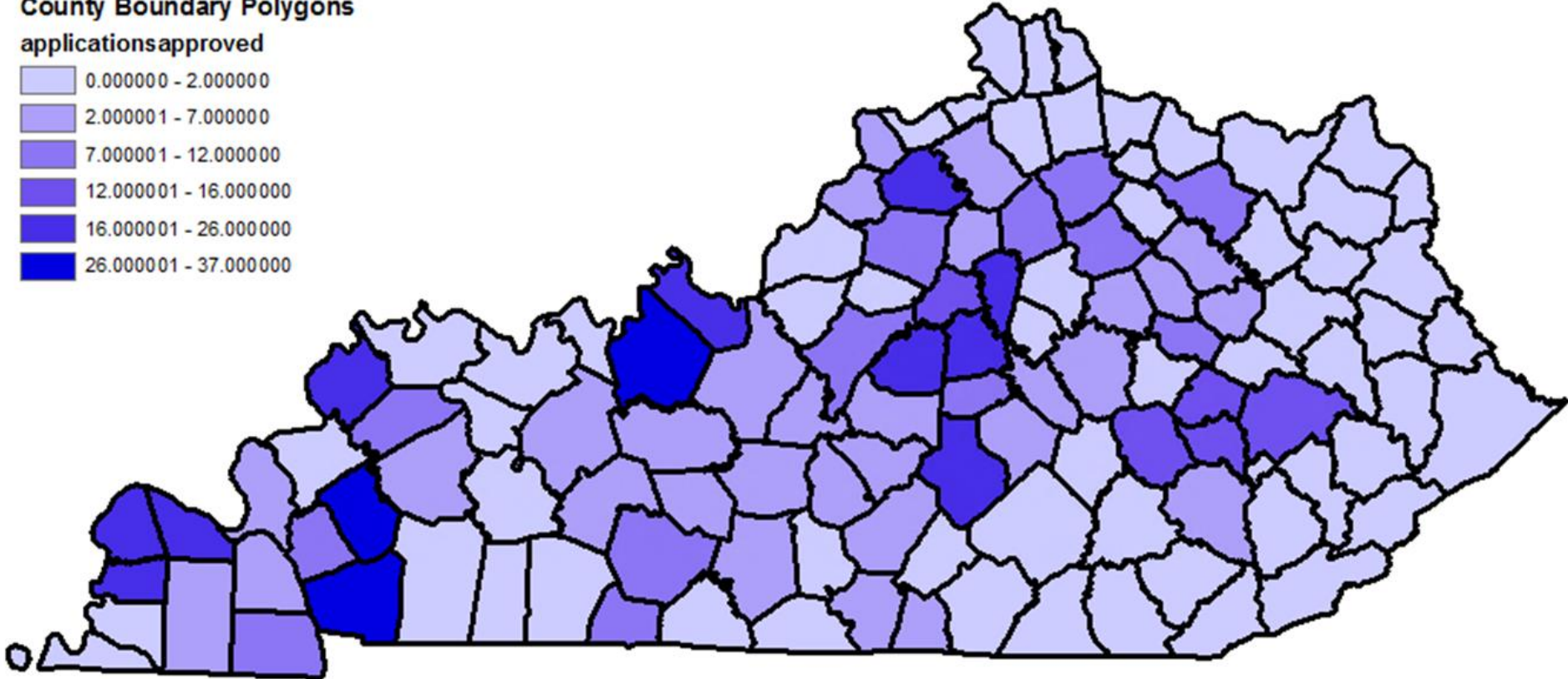
FY20 approved projects

Legend

— County Boundary Lines

County Boundary Polygons
applications approved

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- 26.000001 - 37.000000



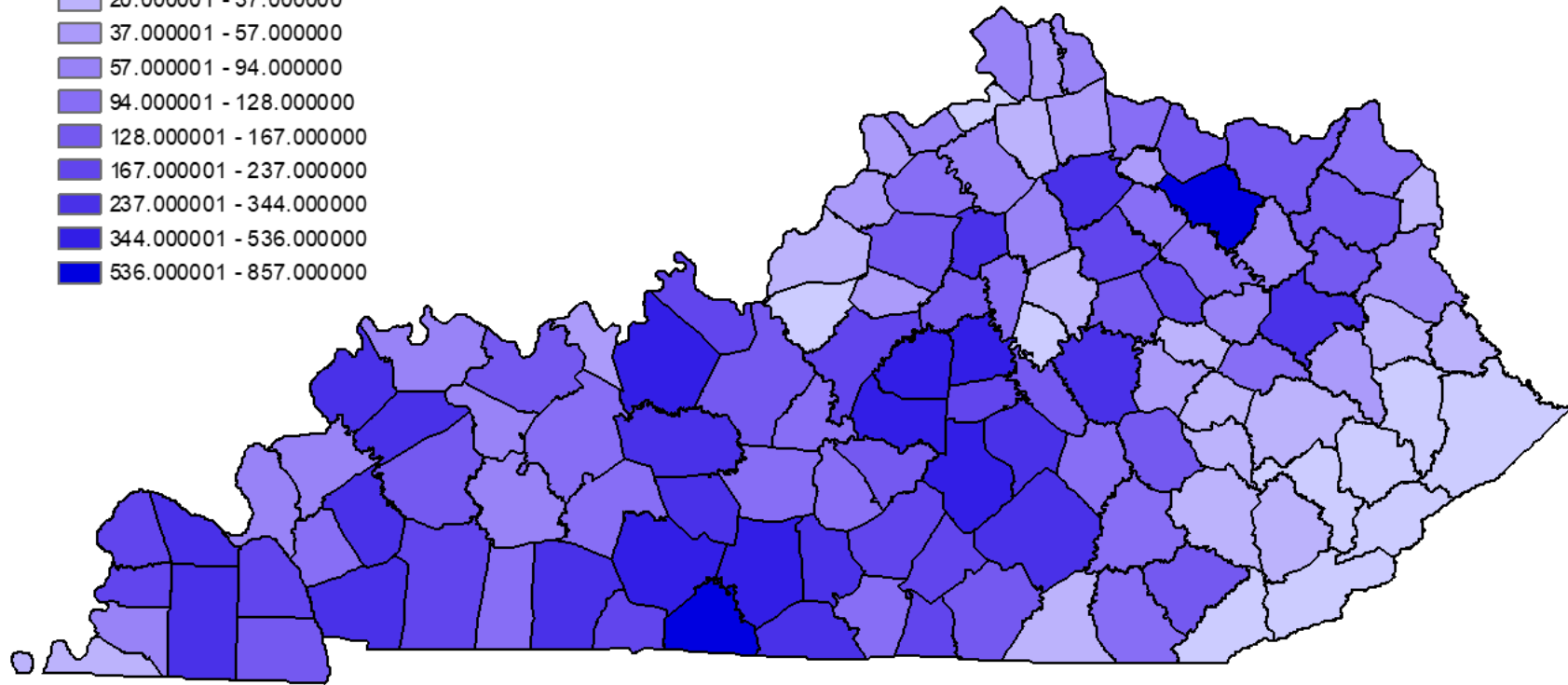
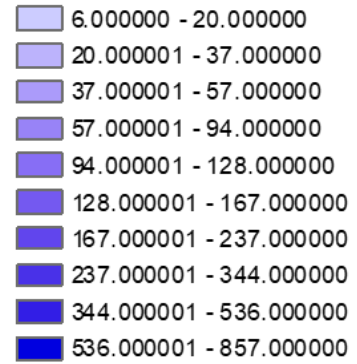
27 year total

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Questions?

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