

# **What Large Poultry Plants Mean for Communities and Growers**

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### **Projected Poultry Workers Earnings**

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<b>Hourly Wage</b>	\$10	\$13	\$15	\$20
<b>Gross Annual Earnings</b>	\$20,800	\$27,040	\$31,200	\$41,600

### **Federal Poverty Income Levels (Family of Four)**

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<b>Federal Poverty Line</b>	\$24,600
<b>Children Eligible for Free School Meals</b>	\$31,960
<b>Children Eligible for Reduced-Price Meals</b>	\$45,510

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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**Table 8**  
**Emmaus House Services, Selected Years**

Year	Food Boxes Distributed	Total Meals Provided
2000	10,818	114,339
2001	21,184	384,537
2002	14,058	241,651
2009	14,304	327,129
2010	14,402	435,536

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**Table 2**  
**Ethnic Composition of Garden City Public Schools (USD457), Selected Years**

School Year	White		Hispanic		Asian		Other*		Total Enrollment
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
1970-71	4,202	88.5%	500	10.5%	4	0.0%	42	0.0%	4,748
1979-80	3,649	80.0%	887	19.6%					4,536
1990-91	4,220	62.7%	2,109	31.2%	315	4.7%	82	1.4%	6,736
2000-01	2,961	37.7%	4,507	57.3%	251	3.2%	145	1.8%	7,864
2008-09	1,844	25.5%	4,528	62.7%	192	2.7%	654	9.1%	7,218
2013-14	1,694	22.4%	5,018	66.3%	390	5.2%	467	6.2%	7,569

\*Other Category Includes: American Indian or Alaska Native, Black, and Multiethnic. Large increases in Other in 2008-09 and 2013-14 are primarily due to students declaring multiple ethnicities.

Source: Kansas Unified School District 457.

**Table 6**  
**USD 457 Income Data 2000 - 2012, Selected Years**

School Year	Number of Students with Free or Reduced Lunches	% of Students with Free or Reduced Lunches
2000-2001	3,917	50
2002-2003	4,087	53
2004-2005	4,378	58
2006-2007	4,479	60
2008-2009	4,715	65
2010-2011	5,303	70
2011-2012	5,407	71
2012-2013	5,393	71

Source: Kansas Department of Education

**Table 5**  
**Finney County Per Capita Income**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Income \$</b>	<b>% of Kansas Per Capita Income</b>	<b>% of Non-Metro Kansas Per Capita Income</b>
<b>1980</b>	9,340	100	100
<b>1990</b>	15,431	86	96
<b>2000</b>	21,264	75	90
<b>2006</b>	26,384	74	90
<b>2008</b>	32,224	80	91
<b>2009</b>	29,855	79	90
<b>2010</b>	31,390	81	92
<b>2011</b>	33,413	82	90

Source: The University of Kansas Institute for Policy and Social Research n.d. *Kansas County Profiles: Finney County*. Lawrence, KS

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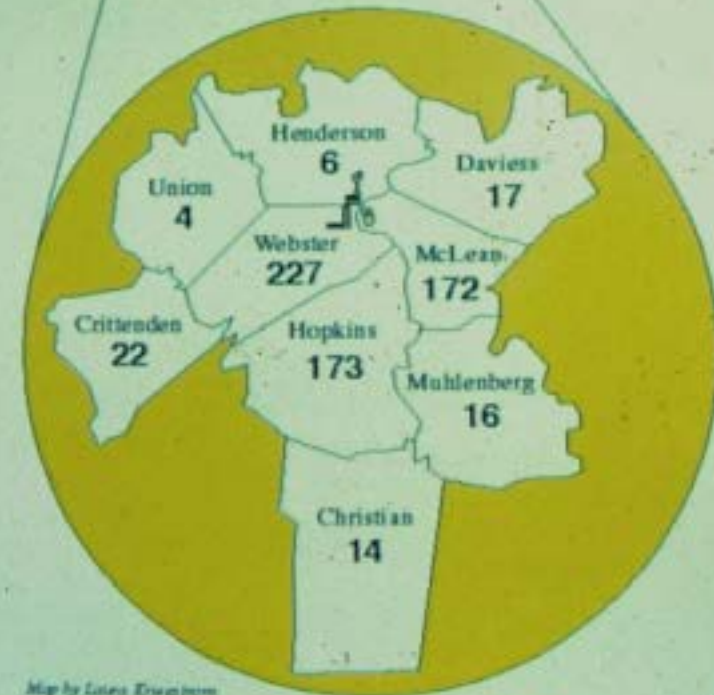
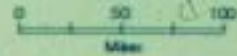
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# Tyson Poultry Houses



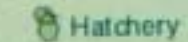
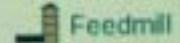
123 Local Growers

551 Broiler houses

68 Breeder houses

32 Pullet houses

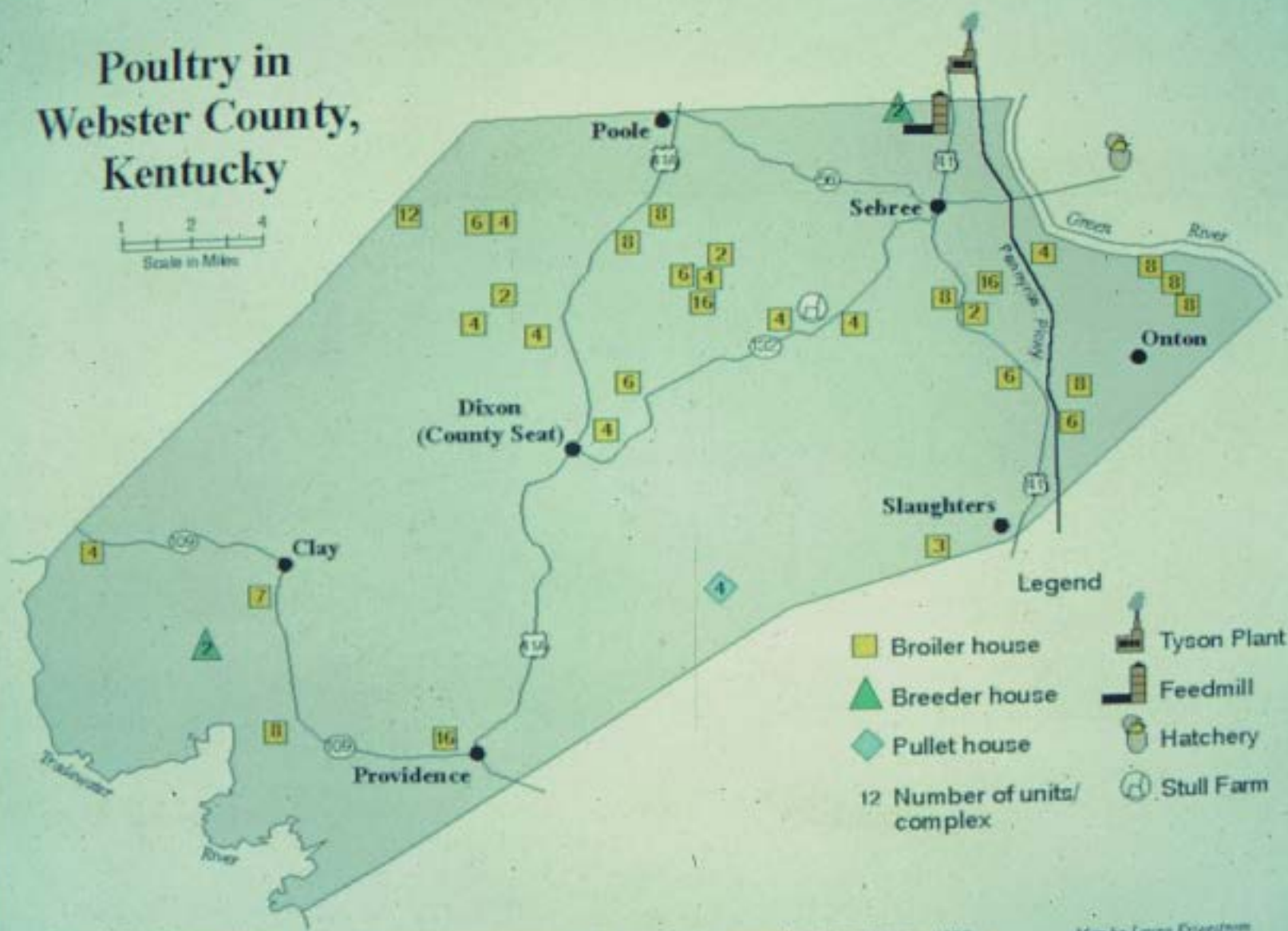
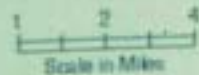
651 Total



Map by Lotus Design

Source: Tyson Foods 1998

# Poultry in Webster County, Kentucky



- Legend
- Broiler house
  - Breeder house
  - Pullet house
  - 12 Number of units/complex
  - Tyson Plant
  - Feedmill
  - Hatchery
  - Stull Farm complex

Source: Jeffrey Kelley, Webster Co. Property Valuation Administrator, 1998. Ryan Austin, Webster Co. NRCS Office, 1998.

Map by Laura Krugtown



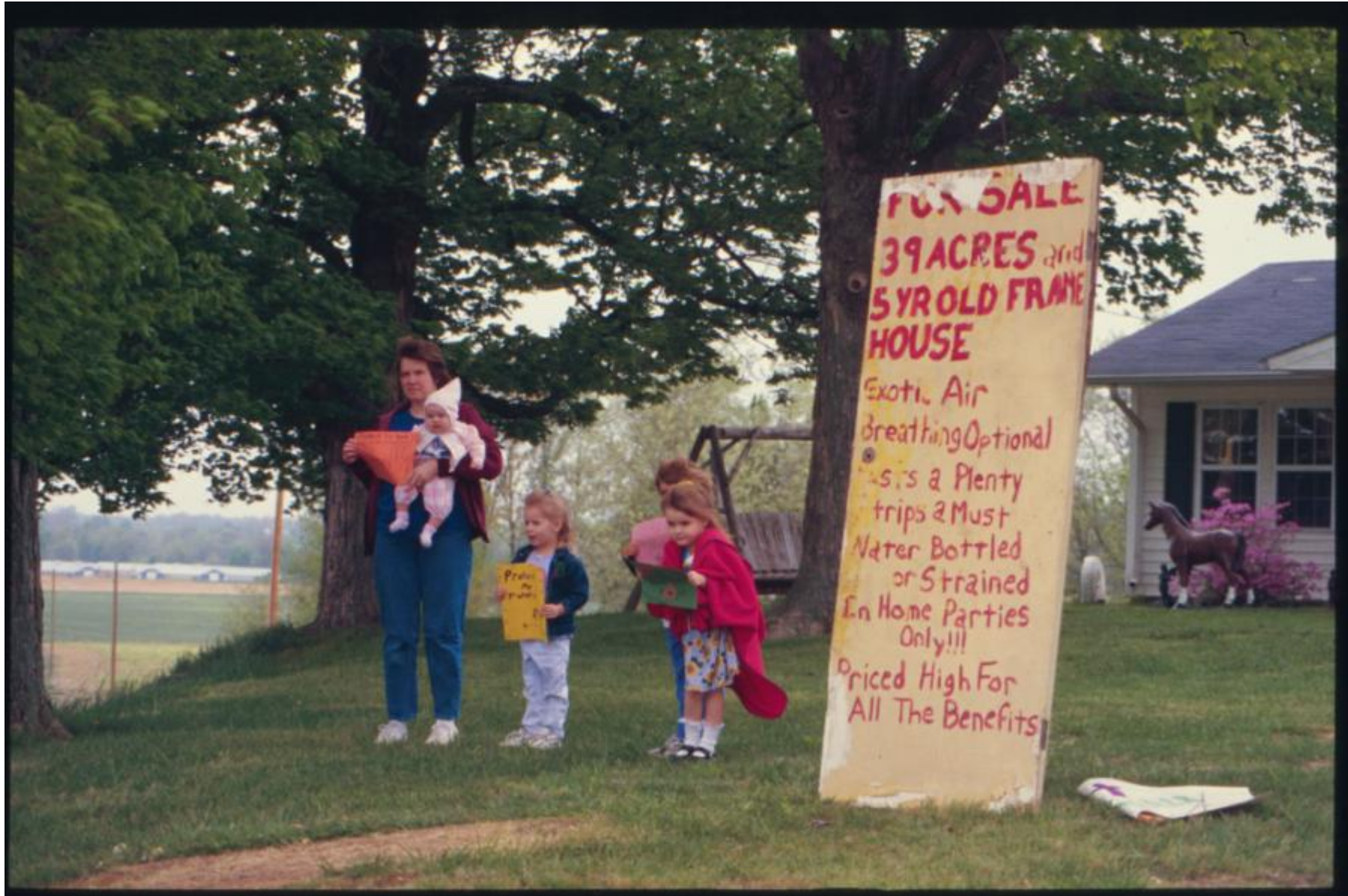












**FUN SALE**  
**39 ACRES and**  
**5 YR OLD FRAME**  
**HOUSE**

Exotic Air  
Breathing Optional  
Massages & Plenty  
trips & Must  
Water Bottled  
or Strained  
In Home Parties  
Only!!!  
Priced High For  
All The Benefits













Must be capable of bending, squatting, pulling, lifting, and prolonged walking and standing.

Must be able to work in dusty environment and inclement weather conditions.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred.

COUPLES PREFERRED.

Absences from the farm cannot be for more than two hours at a time.















