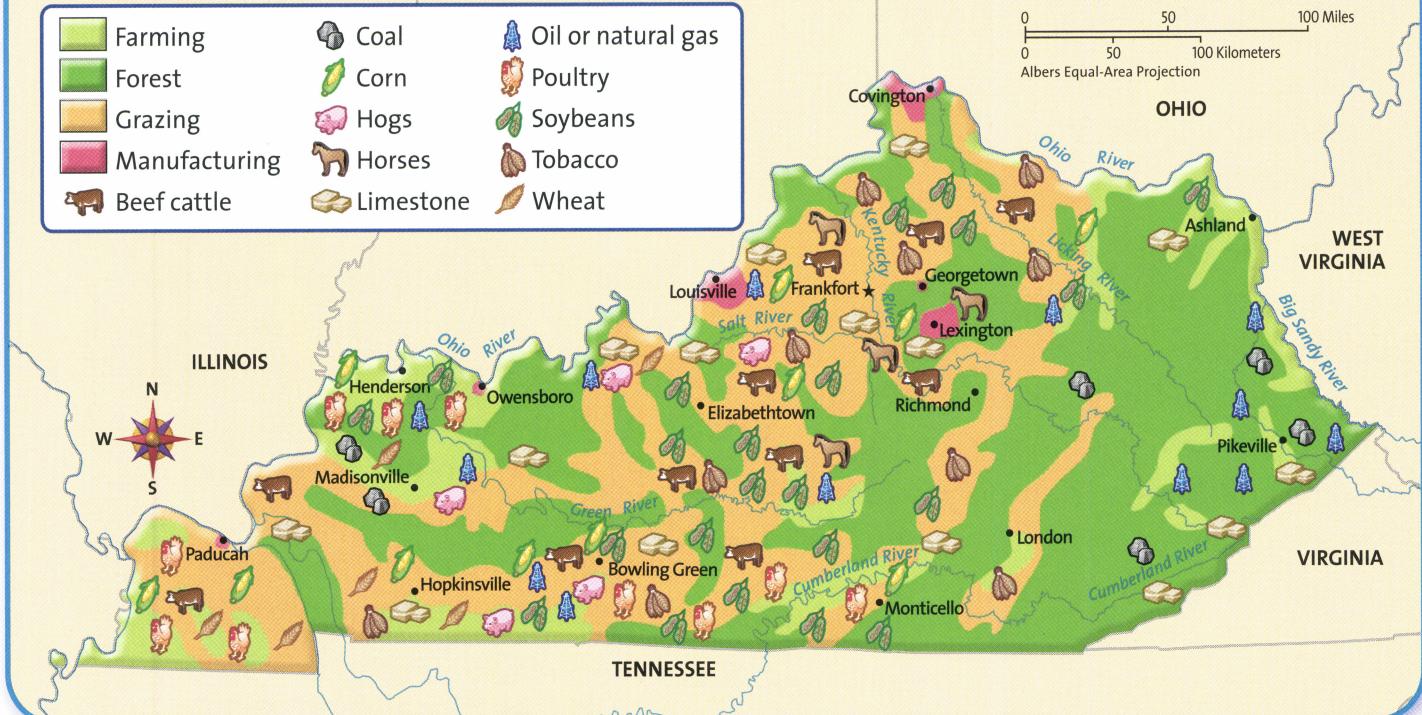




Kentucky Land Use and Resources

Farming	Coal	Oil or natural gas
Forest	Corn	Poultry
Grazing	Hogs	Soybeans
Manufacturing	Horses	Tobacco
Beef cattle	Limestone	Wheat

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Albers Equal-Area Projection



HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS Kentucky is rich in natural resources. How is land used in your area of the state?

Natural Resources

Kentucky is rich in natural resources. A **natural resource** is something found in nature that people can use. Water, soil, and even air are natural resources. Wood is a natural resource, too, as are sand, iron, limestone, and coal—all things found in Kentucky.

How We Use Them

People use natural resources in many ways. Some are usable just as they are found. People breathe the air and drink the water. They eat garden vegetables and wild blackberries.

Other natural resources must be changed before they are used.

For example, stone is an important natural resource in Kentucky. Most of this stone is not used in its natural state. Much of the stone is crushed to just the right size so that it can be used to build roads.

Natural resources are needed to make most products. A **product** is something that people make or grow, usually to sell. To make pencils, for example, someone must first chop down a tree to get wood. Blackberries grow wild in the state, but people must change them to make a jar of blackberry jam.

READING CHECK MAIN IDEA AND DETAILS

In what different ways do people use natural resources?