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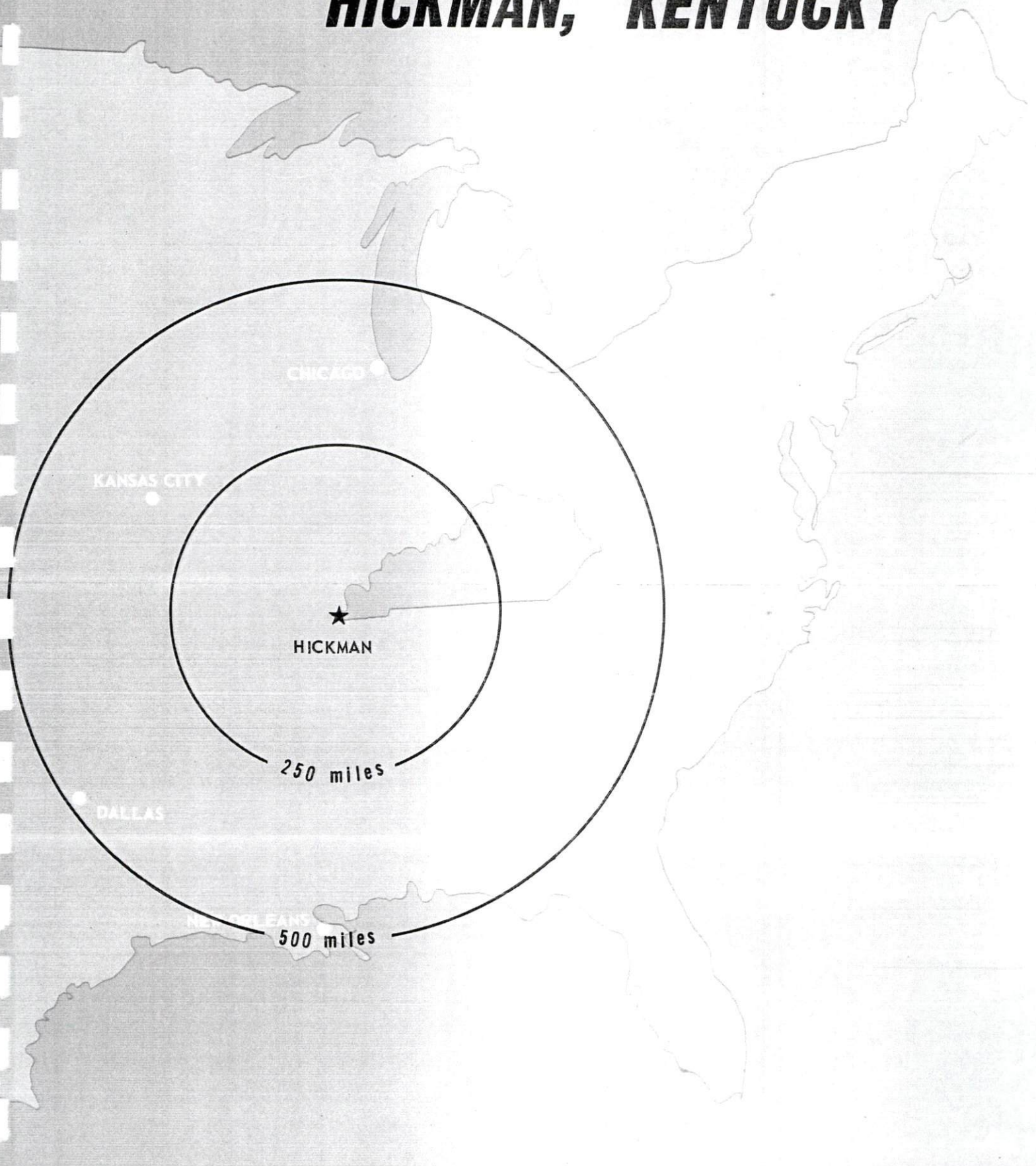
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

HICKMAN, KENTUCKY



HICKMAN INDUSTRIAL SITES

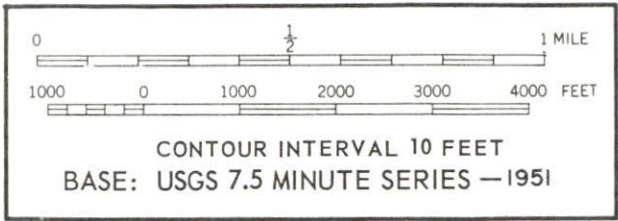
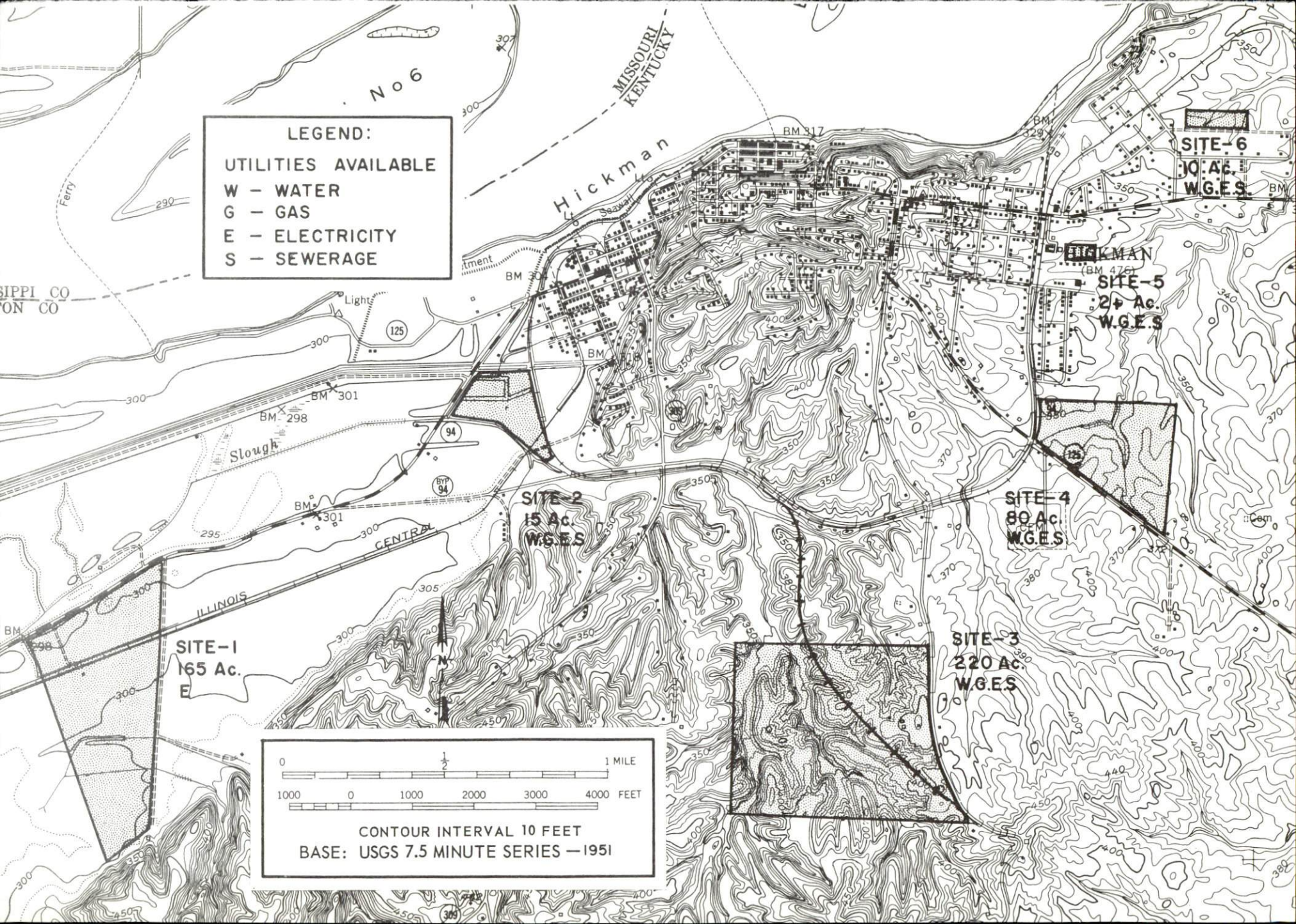
For additional information concerning the following sites, contact Mr. Ardel Fields,
President of Hickman Development Corporation, Hickman, Kentucky, or the Kentucky Department
of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

- SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 165 acres; front portion level, back portion hilly
LOCATION: Approximately 1 1/2 miles from west city limits
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky Route 94 borders site on north; Kentucky Route 1129 borders the site on south.
RAILROADS: Illinois Central Railroad runs through site.
WATER: Not available
GAS: Not available
ELECTRICITY: Hickman-Fulton RECC
SEWERAGE: Not available
OPTIONED BY: Hickman Development Corporation
- SITE #2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 15 acres, level
LOCATION: West of city
ZONING: Commercial
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky 94
RAILROADS: Illinois Central Railroad runs through property.
WATER: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
GAS: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
ELECTRICITY: Hickman-Fulton RECC
SEWERAGE: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
OWNERSHIP: Hickman Development Corporation
- SITE #3: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 220 acres, rolling
LOCATION: Adjoins south city limits
ZONING: Commercial
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Cory Drive, city-maintained
RAILROADS: A spur of the Illinois Central Railroad runs through middle of property.
WATER: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department - new water treatment plant located directly across from site.
GAS: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
ELECTRICITY: Hickman-Fulton RECC
SEWERAGE: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
OPTIONED BY: Hickman Development Corporation
- SITE #4: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 80 acres, rolling
LOCATION: Kentucky Route 125 - adjacent to city on southeast
ZONING: Commercial
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky Route 125
RAILROADS: None
WATER: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
GAS: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
ELECTRICITY: Hickman-Fulton RECC
SEWERAGE: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
OPTIONED BY: Hickman Development Corporation
- SITE #5: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 2 to 3 acres, level
LOCATION: Within eastern city limits
ZONING: Commercial
HIGHWAY ACCESS: City-maintained access road from 7th Street
RAILROADS: None
WATER: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
GAS: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
ELECTRICITY: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
SEWERAGE: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
OPTIONED BY: Hickman Development Corporation
- SITE #6: ACREAGE: 10 acres
LOCATION: Within east city limits
HIGHWAY ACCESS: On city-maintained street with access to Kentucky Route 94
RAILROADS: None
WATER: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
GAS: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
ELECTRICITY: Hickman-Fulton RECC
SEWERAGE: Hickman Municipal Utilities Department
OPTIONED BY: Hickman Development Corporation

LEGEND:

UTILITIES AVAILABLE

W - WATER
 G - GAS
 E - ELECTRICITY
 S - SEWERAGE



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HICKMAN, KENTUCKY

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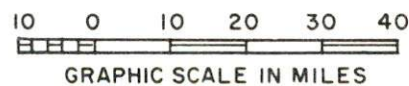
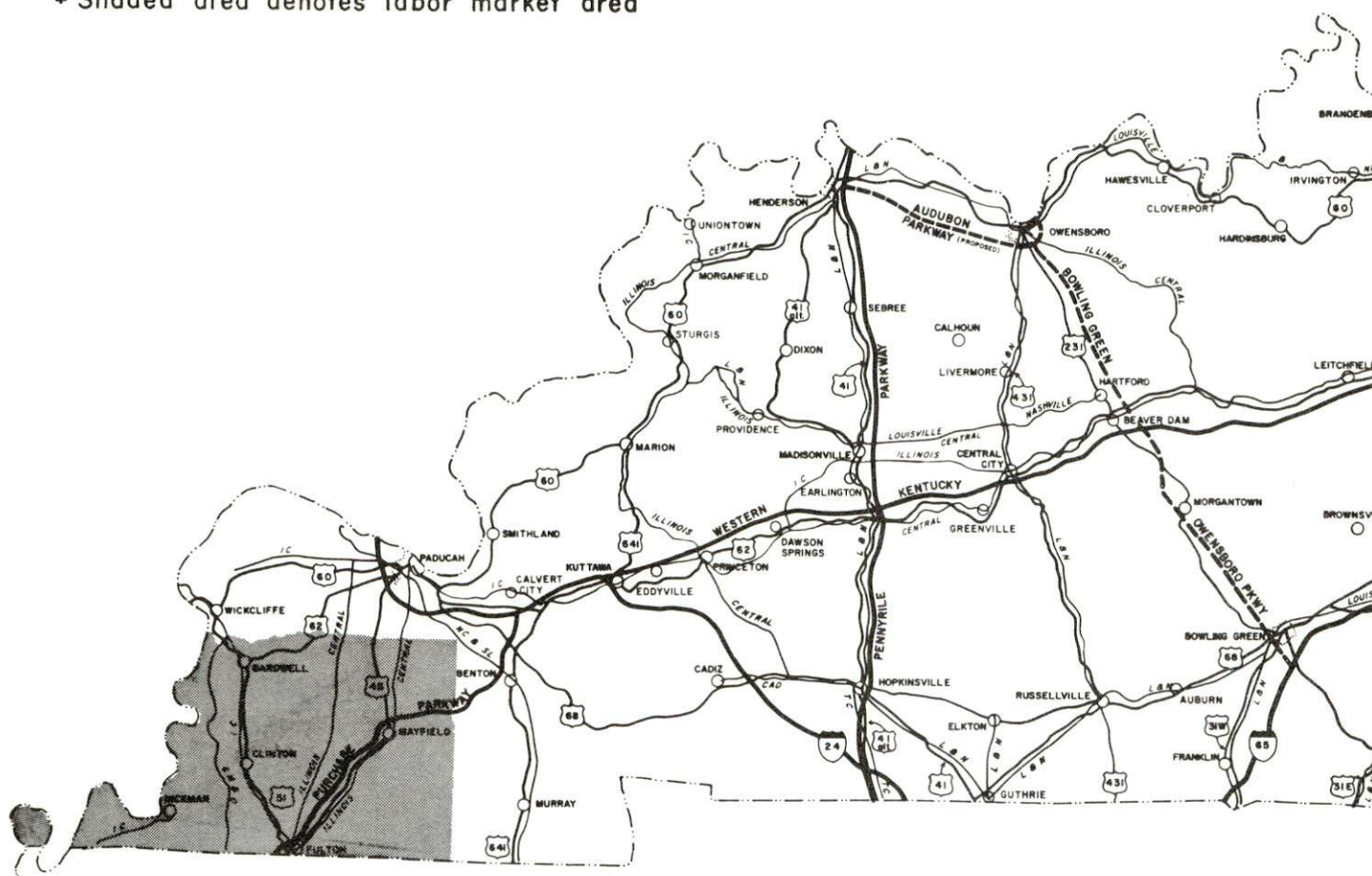
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HICKMAN LABOR MARKET AREA

* Shaded area denotes labor market area



HICKMAN, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Hickman, the county seat of Fulton County, is located in the extreme western part of Kentucky on the eastern shore of the Mississippi River.

Hickman is 55 miles south of Paducah, 196 miles from St. Louis, Missouri, and 129 miles from Nashville, Tennessee.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Fulton County averaged 4,105 in 1968. Manufacturing provided 775 of these jobs, an increase of 6.2 percent in the past nine years. Major industrial products are apparel and metal products.

Per capita income in the county in 1968 was \$2,474 or \$140 under the Kentucky average and ranked 27th among the state's 120 counties.

In the labor market area, which includes Fulton, Hickman, Graves, and Carlisle Counties, employment totals 19,395, including 3,500 in agriculture. Manufacturing furnishes 4,940 of these jobs. Area industrial employment has increased 5.4 percent since 1959, with sharpest gains in rubber, and stone and glass products. The area has a deficit of 236 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio.

Resources For Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 1,625 men and 1,130 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 2,550 young men and 2,355 young women will become 18 years of age by 1975 and potentially available for work.
2. Local transportation capability is good. The Illinois Central Railroad serves Hickman with a variety of services. The Jackson Purchase Parkway connects the Hickman area with all the major parkways and interstates in Kentucky. Commercial air service is available at Paducah, 55 miles distant.
3. Energy - both gas and electricity - is available in large quantity. The local water supply is abundant.

4. Industrial sites - Hickman has six available industrial sites.

5. Murray State University and the Paducah Community College are both within 55 miles of Hickman.

Community Programs For Improvement

The most recent community improvements are: widening of Main Street, installation of Mercury lights with underground wiring, new country club, extension of water and sewerage lines through West Hickman, a new sewerage lagoon, a new water treatment plant is being completed, a new 50,000-gallon water tank has been installed, and an electric substation has been installed. Also, Hickman is in the process of planning the Hickman Rural Water Project, which will have 14 miles of line and serve approximately 140 families. It will purchase treated water from the city. Preliminary engineering has been completed.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Hickman is within easy driving distance of many of Kentucky's beautiful lakes and state parks. Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Kenlake, Lake Barkley, Reelfoot Lake, and The Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area are within a 75-mile radius. Water sports, recreational facilities, cabins, lodges, and horseback riding are just a few of the many attractions that are available.

Murray State University and Western Kentucky University offer concerts, lectures, art exhibits, and sporting events.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

Area	1969 (Est.)	1960	1950	Percent Change	
				1960-69	1950-60
Labor Market Area	52,300	53,632	59,016	-2.5	- 9.2
Fulton County	10,500	11,256	13,668	-6.7	-17.6
Hickman	NA	1,537	2,037		-24.5

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	1968	1968
	Fulton County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	4,105	19,394
Agricultural	778	3,500
Nonagricultural	3,327	15,894
Manufacturing	775	4,942
Trade and Services	1,057	3,415
Government	422	1,845
Other	1,073	5,692

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1959 AND 1968 ^{3/}

Industry	Fulton County			Labor Market Area		
	1968	1959	% Change	1968	1959	% Change
TOTAL	775	730	+ 6.2	4,942	4,690	+ 5.4
Food & Kindred Products	100	50	+100.0	223	344	- 35.1
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	488	585	- 16.5	2,839	3,416	- 17.0
Lumber & Furniture	0	65	-	126	312	- 59.6
Printing, Publishing, Paper	17	17	-	78	73	+ 7.0
Chemicals, Petroleum, Coal, Rubber	17	0	-	952	0	-
Stone, Clay & Glass	9	13	- 31.0	317	131	+142.0
Machinery & Metal Products	144	0	-	398	393	+ 1.3
Others	0	0	-	9	21	- 57.1

HICKMAN MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT 4/

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Total	Male	Female
Cagles Glass & Supply Co.	Aluminum storm doors, windows, metal awnings	3	2	1
Graphite Products Div. , The Carborundum Co.	Graphite products	140	135	5
The Hickman Courier	Newspaper, offset printing	4	2	2
Hickman Garment Corp.	Men's, boys' jackets; men's, boys' rainwear	255	22	233
Lattus Ready Mix	Ready mix concrete, concrete products	4	4	0
Roper Pecan Co.	Shelled pecans	67	12	55
West Kentucky Lumber Co.	Lumber, wood chips	35	34	1

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS
HICKMAN, KENTUCKY ^{5/}

Classification	Rates Per Hour		
	Starting	Maximum	Prevailing
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Assembler	\$1. 60	\$2. 80	\$2. 00
Inspector	1. 60	2. 50	2. 00
Production Laborer	1. 60	2. 25	1. 80
Welder, Arc or Acetylene (Class-A)	1. 60	2. 75	2. 25
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$1. 60	\$4. 25	\$2. 75
Laborer	1. 60	3. 13	2. 00
Machinist	1. 60	4. 00	2. 75
Mechanic, Maintenance	1. 60	3. 50	2. 50
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1. 60	3. 00	2. 50
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1. 60	\$2. 00	\$1. 80
File Clerk	1. 60	1. 80	1. 70
Receptionist	1. 60	2. 00	1. 80
Secretary	1. 60	2. 00	1. 80
Typist	1. 60	1. 80	1. 70

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing Workers at:</u>
Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers	Graphite Products Division, Carborundum Company

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
FULTON LABOR MARKET AREA

County	1969 <u>6/</u>			Future Labor Supply by 1975 <u>7/</u> (Becoming 18 Years of Age)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	2,753	1,625	1,128	4,911	2,556	2,355
Fulton	370	149	221	1,160	604	556
Hickman	235	141	94	630	332	298
Carlisle	597	368	229	475	250	225
Graves	1,551	967	584	2,646	1,370	1,276

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME 8/

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Fulton County	\$ 25,975,000	\$ 17,014,000	+52.6
Labor Market Area	126,107,000	71,019,000	+77.5
Kentucky	8,360,000,000	4,655,000,000	+79.6

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 9/

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Fulton County	\$2,474	\$1,547	+60.0
Labor Market Area	\$2,474 to 1,970	\$1,547 to 1,053	+25.6 to +46.9
Kentucky	\$2,614	\$1,552	+68.4

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Fulton County

Total Enrollment	1,586
Elementary	1,181
High School	405
Student-Teacher Ratio	28-1
Elementary	36-1
High School	21-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Percent High School Graduates to College	40.2
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$ 371.10
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1969	402,000.00

Vocational Schools

Nearest Area Schools

Location	<u>West Kentucky Area Vocational School</u>
Miles Distant	Paducah
Curriculum	50
	General Clerical, Secretarial-Steno, Electronics (Communication), Auto Body Repair, Auto Mechanics, Barbering, Carpentry, Commercial Foods, Cosmetology, Drafting, Electricity, Groundskeeping and Landscaping, Masonry, Tailoring

Location	<u>Tilghman Area Vocational School</u>
Miles Distant	Paducah
Curriculum	55
	Nurse Aide, Practical Nursing, Surgical Technician, Ward Clerk, Distributive Education, Electronics (Technology), Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration, Highway Technology, Appliance Repair, Auto Mechanics, Auto Body Repair, Carpentry, Welding, Small Engine Repair, Cosmetology, Drafting, Electricity, Machine Shop

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 55 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky	7,334	Masters
Paducah Community College	Paducah, Kentucky	1,002	Associate
University of Tennessee, Martin Branch	Martin, Tennessee	4,208	Masters

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Lines Serving - Illinois Central Railroad

Services - Freight, switching. Piggyback service is available at Fulton, 17 miles distant.

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM HICKMAN, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

No. of Days		No. of Days	
City	CL	City	CL
Atlanta, Ga.	3	Los Angeles, Calif.	5
Birmingham, Ala.	2	Louisville, Ky.	2
Chicago, Ill.	2	Nashville, Tenn.	3
Cincinnati, Ohio	3	New Orleans, La.	3
Cleveland, Ohio	3	New York, N. Y.	4
Detroit, Mich.	3	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3
Knoxville, Tenn.	3	St. Louis, Mo.	2

Truck Service

Company

Henry Edwards Trucking Co.
Harper Truck Service, Inc.
McLean Trucking Co.

Home Office

Clinton, Kentucky
Elberton, Georgia
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM HICKMAN, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11/</u>		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		LTL	TL			LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	420	2-3	1-2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,013	5-7	4-5
Birmingham, Ala.	268	2-3	1-2	Louisville, Ky.	286	1-2	1
Chicago, Ill.	428	1-2	1	Nashville, Tenn.	129	1-2	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	406	1-2	1	New Orleans, La.	524	2-3	1-2
Cleveland, Ohio	650	3	1-2	New York, N. Y.	1,046	3-5	2-3
Detroit, Mich.	664	3	1-2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	690	3-4	1-2
Knoxville, Tenn.	326	1-2	1	St. Louis, Mo.	196	1-2	1

Air

Nearest Commercial

Location:	Barkley Field
Runways:	Paducah, Kentucky
Length:	2 paved
Traffic Control:	6,500 ft. ; 4,000 ft.
Lighting:	Wind tee
Services:	Beacon, boundary, obstruction, runway lights, runway end identification lights
	Delta, Ozark, Sun, and Desoto Airlines; 80 and 100 octane; jet fuel; major A & E repairs; taxi; limousine; U-Drive-It; storage

Taxi - City Cab - 24-hour service

Water

Hickman Harbor, a still water port, has loading and unloading facilities, 24-hour tow service, fresh water and refueling service for the large freight boats and barges that serve the area.

The harbor is also the home base of the Coast Guard Cutter SUMAC. Approximately 25 families have moved to Hickman as a result of the SUMAC being stationed there.

Sand & Gravel Grain Company, a subsidiary of Bunge Corporation, is completing a million bushel capacity grain terminal on the Hickman Harbor.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving - City of Hickman Electric System

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 740,000 KW

Industrial rates negotiated by - City of Hickman Electric System,
Hickman, Kentucky

Companies serving Fulton County - (1) Kentucky Utilities Company;
(2) Hickman-Fulton RECC

Sources of power - (1) Kentucky Utilities Company; (2) TVA

Total generating capacity - (1) 740,000 KW; (2) 18,209,090 KW

Industrial rates negotiated by - Kentucky Utilities Company, Lexington,
Kentucky, and Hickman-Fulton RECC, Hickman, Kentucky

Natural Gas

Company serving - City of Hickman Gas System

Source of supply - Trunkline Gas System

Size of transmission lines - 4-inch line

Distribution lines - 2 and 4 inches

BTU content - 1,020; Specific gravity - .60

Distribution pressure - 40 psi

Rates:

First	500 Cu. Ft.	\$1.75 (Minimum)
Next	2,500 Cu. Ft.	1.10 Per MCF
Next	7,000 Cu. Ft.	.90 Per MCF
Next	10,000 Cu. Ft.	.80 Per MCF
Next	20,000 Cu. Ft.	.70 Per MCF
All over	40,000 Cu. Ft.	.60 Per MCF

Industrial rates are negotiable.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving - City of Hickman Water Department
Source - 2 deep wells
Treatment plant capacity - 1,440,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 780,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 850,000 gallons
Type treatment - rapid sand filter plant with iron removal
Storage capacity - 500,000 gallons
Average pressure - 80 psi
Size mains - 4, 6, 8 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

Basic Monthly Water Rates - To which shall be added, in every case, the surcharge set forth below, so long as the same shall remain in effect.

For Customers Inside The City Limits - as presently established, and as such limits may be altered from time to time:

First	2,000 gallons	\$2.75 (Minimum)
Next	8,000 gallons	.70 per M gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	.65 per M gallons
Next	25,000 gallons	.55 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	.45 per M gallons
Next	100,000 gallons	.30 per M gallons
All over	200,000 gallons	.15 per M gallons

Minimum Monthly Bills For Meters of Various Sizes

<u>Size Meter</u>	<u>Present Charge</u>	<u>Increase Charge</u>
5/8 or 3/4-inch	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.75
1-inch	2.50	3.25
1 1/4 or 1 1/2-inch	3.50	4.25
2-inch	5.00	6.00
3-inch	7.50	9.00
4-inch	10.50	12.50
6-inch	20.00	25.00

For Customers Outside The Corporate Limits - An amount equal to 150 percent of the amount which would be billed to customers inside the city for consumption of the same amount of water; and in every case not less than the sum of \$4. 12 per month (minimum bill).

Surface water sources - Mississippi River, Obion and Bayou de Chein

Average discharge - unlimited supply from Mississippi River

Expected ground water yield - all in excess of 500 - 1,000 gpm

Yield along main streams - over 500 - 1,000 gpm

Sewerage

Company serving - City of Hickman Sewer System

Design capacity - 320,000 gpd

Design population - 3,200

Treatment - secondary

Number of customers being served - 901

Effluent discharge - lagoon

Size of sanitary mains - 6, 8, 10 inches

Size of storm mains - 15, 18, 24 inches

Rates - 50 percent of water bill

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 4 commissioners - 2-year terms
Budget 1968-69 - General Fund \$81,968; Water and Sewer Fund \$128,046
Fees and licenses - Occupation, according to business operated or
profession pursued, or service rendered

County

Structure - County judge - 4-year term; 4 magistrates - 4-year terms
Budget 1969-70 - General Fund \$120,322; Road Fund \$79,000

Assessed Value of Property - 1969

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Hickman</u>	<u>Fulton County</u>
Real Estate	\$5,457,450	\$48,388,582
Personal Property	2,028,148	8,519,211
Public Service	288,806	7,574,066

Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation - 1969 ^{12/}

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Hickman</u>	<u>Fulton County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.208	.208
School	.435	.435
City	.440	
Total	\$1.098	\$.658

*Property assessed at 100% of fair value.

**Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories and goods in process
inventories are not subject to local tax. State rate is only \$0.15 per \$100.

Planning and Zoning

Agency - Hickman Planning Commission

Plans completed for Hickman - Base map, existing land use map, existing land use analysis, land use plan, major street plan, subdivision regulations

Plans completed for Fulton County - Base map, existing land use map, existing land use analysis, population and economic study (Fulton County is in a four-county regional program with Ballard, Hickman, and Carlisle Counties.)

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Hickman</u>	<u>Fulton County</u>
Total staff	5	3
Radio-patrol cars	2	1
<u>Fire</u>	<u>Hickman</u>	<u>Fulton County</u>
American Insurance Association Fire Rating	7	
Full-time staff	2	
Volunteers	14	14
Equipment:		
1,000 gpm pumpers	1	1
500 gpm pumpers	1	

Rescue Service

Hickman Rescue Squad:

Number of volunteers - 14

Equipment - inhalator, motorboat

Personnel training - first aid

Sanitation

	<u>Hickman</u>	<u>Fulton County</u>
Type service	municipal for residents, private contract for business	Private
Cost	municipal is free, private contract for business	by contract
Collection frequency	each Friday	when needed
Trash pickup		when needed
Disposal method	land fill	land fill

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>Location</u>	<u>Miles Distant</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Obion County, Tennessee	11	269
General hospital facilities - 4 operating rooms, 2 laboratories, 5 X-ray units - 1 cobalt, recovery rooms, labor and delivery rooms		
Medical staff - 24 doctors, 22 registered nurses, 55 licensed practical nurses		

Public Health

Facility - Fulton County Health Department
Staff - nurse, clerk, sanitarian
Budget 1968-69 - \$41,674

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - South Central Bell Telephone Company
Services - standard

Telegraph - Western Union - 213 East Clinton Street
Services - messenger and telephone - receive and telegraph money

Postal - Class 2 U.S. Post Office
Mail received - twice daily
Mail dispatched - twice daily

Newspaper weekly - The Hickman Courier
Circulation - 1,675

Radio - no local station
Stations received from - Fulton, Mayfield and Paducah, Kentucky;
Union City, Tennessee; and Cairo, Illinois

Television -
Service - antenna
Reception from - Paducah, Kentucky; Harrisburg, Illinois; Cape
Girardeau, Missouri
Kentucky Educational Television - received from Murray

Library Services

Public Libraries - Hickman-Fulton Public Library
Size collection - 21,271 volumes
Circulation, 1968-69 - 53,189
Services - films, magazines, records, pictures, reading programs

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 12
Denominations - Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Methodist,
Missionary Baptist, Episcopal, The Church of Jesus Christ, United
Methodist, Southern Baptist, Church of God, Holiness, Freewill Baptist

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1968</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
The Citizens Bank	\$5, 774, 449. 56	\$5, 246, 953. 50
<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>
Hickman Federal Savings & Loan Association	\$1, 687, 044. 00	\$1, 560, 000. 00

Hotels and Motels

Dixie Motel - 5 units
La Clede Hotel - 30 rooms

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Riverport
Authority, Hickman Development Corporation

Fraternal - American Legion, Moose Lodge, Masons

Women's - Eastern Star, Woman's Club, Mothers Club, Homemakers

Youth - Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Future Farmers of America,
Future Homemakers, Girls Social Club

Other - Hickman Recreation Club

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

- Swimming pools - 1
- Baseball diamonds - 1

Private Recreation Facilities

- Country clubs - 1
- Golf courses - 1
- Swimming pools - 1
- Other - tennis court

Tourist Attractions

- Mississippi River for water sports

Area (Within 25 miles)

- Reelfoot Lake - 20 miles - hunting, cabins, restaurants, boat rentals
- Columbus-Belmont Battlefield State Park, Columbus, Kentucky

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 13/

	<u>Fulton County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	129,920	770,560
Percent of area in farm land	82.9	77.0
Number of farms	453	4,370
Average size of farms (acres)	238	165
1964 value of all farm products	\$5,475,291	\$22,441,722
Value per farm	12,087	6,953,000
Total crop sales	3,621,725	10,671,084
Total livestock & livestock products	1,853,565	11,766,606
1967 agricultural production included:		
Dark tobacco (lbs.)	10,000	2,639,000
Corn (bu.)	1,302,000	5,523,000
Cattle and calves (number)	14,800	100,300
Hogs and pigs (number)	22,400	91,500
Milk production (1966) (lbs.)	5,040,000	65,095,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Sand and gravel
Other mineral resources	Clay and loess
Acres of commercial forest land	32,300
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, white oak, cottonwood, sweetgum, hickory, ash and soft maple

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	<u>Fulton County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	59.6 degrees
Average annual (1968)	58.2 degrees
Record highest (July 1954+) (26-year record)	104 degrees
Record lowest (January 1963+) (26-year record)	- 5 degrees
Mean annual degree-days (30-year record)	3,821
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	45.23 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (26-year record)	9.0 inches
Total precipitation (1968)	48.06 inches
Mean No. days precipitation (26-year record) (.01 inches or more)	114
Average No. days thunderstorms (22-year record)	7
Prevailing winds (22-year record)	Southwest

HISTORY

Fulton County, the ninety-ninth county formed in Kentucky, dates from 1845. It was taken from Hickman County. There are 184 square miles of territory in it, and part of it lies farther west than any other Kentucky area.

Fulton County was named for Robert Fulton, a Pennsylvanian, who gained fame by building and launching a steamboat, The Clermont (150 feet long, 13 feet wide, and 9 feet deep), that Robert R. Livingston successfully used on the Hudson River in 1807.

Hickman, the county seat, was first settled by James Mills in 1819, and named Mills Point. Later, in 1837, its name was changed to Hickman for G. W. L. Marr's wife's family since he then owned the townsite. This river town serves the surrounding agricultural region as a shipping point. It is built on the three levels of a large bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. Most of the old business section is located in the bottoms or lower level, the newer business section with churches, schools, a library, and a courthouse occupy the third level. A magnificent view of the river valley can be seen from the third level. Samuel L. Clemens mentioned Hickman in his Life on the Mississippi as one of the most beautiful towns along the river.

Fulton County produces over nine-tenths of the cotton grown in Kentucky. The rich, flat alluvial land south and southwest of Hickman is suited to cotton growth since it is in the upper portion of the Mississippi River flat lands and bayou country. The land is owned in large tracts, still called plantations, and is mostly cultivated by tenants and share-croppers.

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