



Flag:



Placed on a navy blue field is the seal and words "Commonwealth of Kentucky". The two friends shaking hands, a pioneer and a

statesman, represent all the people. They are acting out the meaning of Kentucky's motto: "United We Stand; Divided We Fall". Sprays of the state flower {goldenrod} extend in a half circle around the picture. Flag adopted 1918 amended in 1928 & 1962.



Kentucky (The Bluegrass State)

The "Blue Grass" region of the US once extended from Pennsylvania in the east to Ohio in the west, and down into Tennessee in the south. Although the grass is green, the bluish buds produced in the spring give the grass a distinctly blue colour. Kentucky itself was the Bluegrass State from the time of the Civil War, and remains so (the name appears on the state licence plates). One suggestion for the origin of the name "Kentucky" is that it means "dark and bloody ground", and this led to the state (actually its a commonwealth) being known as ***Dark and Bloody Ground***. This refers to battles between tribes of Indians, and *not* to any conflict with the white man, despite the fact that references as early as 1839 were saying that it was an allusion to battles between Indians and the first white settlers, and brought to the language by Daniel Boone. Over the years, Kentucky has been known as the ***Hemp State***, the ***Rock-Ribbed State*** and the ***Tobacco State***.

Economy:

Agriculture: Horses, cattle, tobacco, dairy products, hogs, soybeans, corn.

Industry: Transportation equipment, chemical products, electric equipment, machinery, food processing, tobacco products, coal, tourism.