

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE—MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY TABLE VIII.—FARM MORTGAGE DEBT, APR. 1, 1940; AND FARM TAXES LEVIED IN 1939

ITEM (For definitions, see text)	THE STATE	Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
FARM MORTGAGE DEBT, APR. 1, 1940							
1 All farms operated by owners.....number...	29,072	1,252	1,486	3,514	166	2,049	2,223
2 Free from mortgage.....number.....	12,519	729	678	1,636	119	892	896
3 Mortgaged.....number.....	16,553	486	677	1,814	46	1,012	1,225
4 Proportion mortgaged.....percent.....	52.0	38.8	45.6	51.6	27.7	49.4	55.1
5 No mortgage report.....number.....	1,428	37	131	64	1	145	102
6 Farms operated by full owners.....number...	27,446	1,177	1,370	3,248	159	1,904	2,021
7 Free from mortgage.....number.....	11,957	695	631	1,535	115	833	840
8 Mortgaged.....number.....	14,113	447	613	1,654	43	922	1,085
9 Proportion mortgaged.....percent.....	51.4	38.0	44.7	50.9	27.0	48.9	53.7
10 No mortgage report.....number.....	1,376	35	126	59	1	159	96
11 Owning no additional land (see text).....number...	20,133	1,032	796	2,984	141	1,254	1,415
12 Free from mortgage.....number.....	8,996	607	373	1,426	101	543	578
13 All land in farms.....acres.....	465,485	15,151	42,798	46,045	6,385	25,893	60,440
14 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	50,385,232	3,417,380	2,305,520	6,760,597	512,950	3,849,419	2,515,580
15 Average value per farm.....dollars..	5,601	5,630	6,181	4,741	5,079	7,069	4,352
16 Mortgaged.....number.....	10,717	399	396	1,535	39	670	806
17 Proportion mortgaged.....percent.....	53.2	38.7	49.7	51.4	27.7	53.4	57.0
18 All land in farms.....acres.....	540,525	9,034	46,310	54,387	1,133	22,152	74,258
19 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	60,768,754	1,996,182	2,623,364	7,506,945	197,280	4,066,975	3,937,150
20 Average value per farm.....dollars..	6,754	5,003	6,625	4,891	5,058	6,100	4,885
21 Mortgaged with amount of debt reported.....number...	10,562	392	379	1,512	39	666	804
22 All land in farms.....acres.....	533,319	8,952	45,106	53,777	1,133	21,978	74,131
23 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	59,867,970	1,955,482	2,551,540	7,394,670	197,280	4,070,775	3,934,050
24 Amount of mortgage.....dollars.....	25,183,292	794,853	1,027,862	3,489,673	68,425	1,703,998	1,648,964
25 Average equity per farm.....dollars..	3,284	2,961	4,020	2,583	3,304	3,554	2,842
26 Average debt per farm.....dollars..	2,384	2,028	2,712	2,308	1,754	2,559	2,051
27 Average debt per acre.....dollars..	47.22	88.79	22.79	64.89	60.39	77.53	22.24
28 Ratio of debt to value.....percent.....	42.1	40.6	40.3	47.2	34.7	41.9	41.9
29 No mortgage report.....number.....	420	26	27	23	1	41	31
30 All land in farms.....acres.....	24,883	477	1,676	730	(1)	1,229	2,740
31 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	2,947,688	286,480	96,985	153,025	(1)	317,752	134,600
32 Farms operated by part owners.....number...	1,626	75	116	266	7	145	202
33 Free from mortgage.....number.....	562	34	47	101	4	59	56
34 Mortgaged.....number.....	1,012	39	64	160	3	80	140
35 Proportion mortgaged.....percent.....	62.2	52.0	55.2	60.2	42.9	55.2	69.3
36 No mortgage report.....number.....	52	2	5	5	.....	6	6
37 Owning no additional land (see text).....number...	1,273	66	85	233	6	111	172
38 Free from mortgage.....number.....	428	29	33	87	3	39	44
39 All land in farms.....acres.....	44,649	863	7,880	4,677	680	2,479	7,345
40 Portion owned by operator.....acres.....	27,994	578	4,813	2,828	305	1,658	5,654
41 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	3,478,592	144,640	332,735	556,322	22,050	295,870	263,125
42 Portion owned by operator.....dollars..	2,625,254	93,970	267,400	437,512	18,000	231,880	207,585
43 Average value per farm.....dollars..	6,134	3,240	5,103	5,029	6,000	5,946	4,718
44 Mortgaged.....number.....	818	36	49	142	3	69	124
45 Proportion mortgaged.....percent.....	64.3	54.5	57.6	60.9	50.0	62.2	72.1
46 All land in farms.....acres.....	77,973	1,574	10,679	9,693	478	6,563	14,590
47 Portion owned by operator.....acres.....	51,267	868	6,669	6,300	295	3,630	10,235
48 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	8,047,168	251,632	572,770	993,244	41,000	977,875	1,011,030
49 Portion owned by operator.....dollars..	6,477,189	210,374	429,908	811,214	33,500	704,042	848,270
50 Average value per farm.....dollars..	7,918	5,844	8,774	5,713	11,167	10,204	6,841
51 Mortgaged with amount of debt reported.....number...	808	36	48	139	3	68	123
52 All land in farms.....acres.....	77,243	1,574	10,632	9,500	478	6,483	14,569
53 Portion owned by operator.....acres.....	50,666	868	6,632	6,155	295	3,575	10,218
54 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	7,984,668	251,632	568,670	977,744	41,000	967,475	1,008,530
55 Portion owned by operator.....dollars..	6,419,169	210,374	425,908	797,164	33,500	694,442	845,870
56 Amount of mortgage.....dollars.....	2,905,744	128,920	162,511	418,078	13,000	259,565	387,726
57 Average equity per farm.....dollars..	4,348	2,263	5,487	2,727	6,833	6,395	3,725
58 Average debt per farm.....dollars..	3,596	3,581	3,386	3,008	4,333	3,817	3,152
59 Average debt per acre.....dollars..	57.35	148.53	24.50	67.92	44.07	72.61	37.95
60 Ratio of debt to value.....percent.....	45.3	61.3	38.2	52.4	38.8	37.4	45.8
61 No mortgage report.....number.....	27	(1)	3	4	.....	3	4
62 All land in farms.....acres.....	2,373	(1)	89	368	.....	199	656
63 Portion owned by operator.....acres.....	1,484	(1)	47	263	.....	37	507
64 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	249,424	(1)	5,500	30,574	.....	24,900	47,150
65 Portion owned by operator.....dollars..	155,799	(1)	5,050	24,764	.....	5,970	38,250
Average age of operator, by mortgage status:							
66 Full owners.....Free from mortgage.....years...	57.6	57.8	56.7	56.8	55.6	58.7	58.9
67 Mortgaged.....years.....	51.8	51.4	51.4	51.8	49.7	52.3	51.7
68 Part owners.....Free from mortgage.....years...	54.3	52.0	50.8	52.7	57.8	56.8	52.1
69 Mortgaged.....years.....	50.2	46.4	48.1	48.9	53.3	53.0	51.7
70 Average of the rates of interest (see text).....percent...	5.2	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.1
FARM TAXES LEVIED IN 1939							
71 Farms operated by full owners.....number...	27,446	1,177	1,370	3,248	159	1,904	2,021
72 Owning no additional land (see text).....number...	20,133	1,032	796	2,984	141	1,254	1,415
73 percent.....	73.4	87.7	58.1	91.9	88.7	65.9	70.0
74 Reporting real-estate taxes.....number...	19,240	1,002	737	2,942	131	1,179	1,363
75 All land in farms.....acres.....	978,780	24,111	84,928	100,281	7,276	46,368	134,055
76 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	108,656,802	5,530,367	4,680,489	14,189,704	675,230	7,724,639	6,360,260
77 Amount of real-estate taxes.....dollars..	2,730,614	119,094	95,492	380,099	9,904	219,425	136,352
78 Average tax per acre.....dollars..	2.79	4.94	1.12	3.79	1.36	4.73	1.02
79 Taxes per \$100 of value.....dollars..	2.51	2.15	2.04	2.68	1.47	2.84	2.29
80 Reporting personal-property taxes.....number...	11,457	344	587	1,510	97	713	950
81 Amount of personal-property taxes.....dollars..	273,603	4,754	16,475	39,425	738	21,805	18,602
82 Average per farm reporting.....dollars..	24	14	28	24	8	31	20
83 Farms operated by part owners.....number...	1,626	75	116	266	7	145	202
84 Owning no additional land (see text).....number...	1,273	66	85	233	6	111	172
85 percent.....	78.3	88.0	73.0	87.6	85.7	76.6	85.1
86 Reporting real-estate taxes.....number...	1,233	63	79	232	6	106	166
87 Land owned by operator.....acres.....	77,977	1,413	10,461	9,291	600	5,234	15,767
88 Value of land and buildings owned.....dollars..	9,018,822	292,234	637,558	1,253,490	51,500	922,582	1,068,405
89 Amount of real-estate taxes.....dollars..	248,669	8,083	14,456	38,469	549	30,575	24,497
90 Average tax per acre.....dollars..	3.19	5.72	1.38	4.14	0.92	5.84	1.65
91 Taxes per \$100 of value.....dollars..	2.76	2.77	2.27	3.07	1.07	3.31	2.29
92 Reporting personal-property taxes.....number...	1,014	45	73	200	6	89	130
93 Amount of personal-property taxes.....dollars..	43,245	1,091	3,906	8,595	107	4,920	4,024
94 Average per farm reporting.....dollars..	43	24	54	43	18	55	31

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ITEM (For definitions, see text)	Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
FARM MORTGAGE DEBT, APR. 1, 1940								
1 All farms operated by owners.....number...	2,131	2,105	3,182	41	1,128	4,310	13	5,472
2 Free from mortgage.....number.....	856	744	1,180	24	362	2,192	6	2,225
3 Mortgaged.....number.....	1,187	1,312	1,777	17	661	2,041	7	2,863
4 Proportion mortgaged.....percent.....	55.7	62.3	55.8	41.5	58.6	47.4	53.8	52.3
5 No mortgage report.....number.....	88	49	245	.....	105	77	.....	384
6 Farms operated by full owners.....number...	2,024	1,897	3,026	40	1,080	4,189	10	5,301
7 Free from mortgage.....number.....	824	697	1,116	23	343	2,145	5	2,155
8 Mortgaged.....number.....	1,117	1,157	1,671	17	634	1,967	5	2,771
9 Proportion mortgaged.....percent.....	55.2	61.0	55.2	42.5	58.7	47.0	50.0	52.3
10 No mortgage report.....number.....	83	43	239	.....	103	77	.....	375
11 Owning no additional land (see text).....number...	1,443	1,233	1,896	33	656	3,732	7	3,511
12 Free from mortgage.....number.....	561	446	730	18	206	1,889	4	1,514
13 All land in farms.....acres.....	43,445	38,553	36,443	1,092	9,066	48,809	43	90,812
14 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	2,503,310	2,264,489	6,202,365	120,500	2,107,690	10,183,879	156,000	7,485,553
15 Average value per farm.....dollars..	4,462	5,077	8,496	6,694	10,232	5,391	39,000	4,944
16 Mortgaged.....number.....	850	773	1,128	15	419	1,793	3	1,893
17 Proportion mortgaged.....percent.....	58.9	62.7	59.4	45.5	63.9	48.0	42.9	53.9
18 All land in farms.....acres.....	49,888	49,461	48,584	733	15,591	42,999	28	128,987
19 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	4,589,336	4,367,083	8,705,310	101,700	3,146,407	9,299,672	69,500	10,141,850
20 Average value per farm.....dollars..	5,399	5,637	7,731	6,780	7,509	5,187	23,167	5,388
21 Mortgaged with amount of debt reported.....number...	842	765	1,113	15	413	1,766	3	1,851
22 All land in farms.....acres.....	49,471	48,911	48,203	733	15,405	42,015	28	123,476
23 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	4,545,936	4,303,583	8,571,110	101,700	3,109,407	9,164,447	69,500	9,898,490
24 Amount of mortgage.....dollars..	1,758,434	1,643,556	3,639,190	39,775	1,260,468	4,019,539	34,000	4,054,655
25 Average equity per farm.....dollars..	3,311	3,477	4,431	4,128	4,477	2,910	11,833	3,157
26 Average debt per farm.....dollars..	2,088	2,148	3,270	2,652	3,052	2,273	11,333	2,191
27 Average debt per acre.....dollars..	35.54	33.60	75.50	54.26	81.82	95.57	1,214.29	32.84
28 Ratio of debt to value.....percent.....	38.7	38.2	42.5	39.1	40.5	43.9	48.9	41.0
29 No mortgage report.....number.....	32	14	40	.....	31	50	.....	104
30 All land in farms.....acres.....	2,461	1,120	1,965	.....	1,976	1,230	.....	9,272
31 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	177,750	63,950	466,374	.....	466,250	271,088	.....	509,434
32 Farms operated by part owners.....number...	107	208	156	1	48	121	3	171
33 Free from mortgage.....number.....	32	47	44	1	19	47	1	70
34 Mortgaged.....number.....	70	155	106	.....	27	74	2	92
35 Proportion mortgaged.....percent.....	65.4	74.5	67.9	.....	56.2	61.2	66.7	53.8
36 No mortgage report.....number.....	5	6	6	.....	2	.....	.....	9
37 Owning no additional land (see text).....number...	84	132	114	1	32	106	3	128
38 Free from mortgage.....number.....	23	31	31	1	12	42	1	52
39 All land in farms.....acres.....	2,783	3,681	3,428	(¹)	1,351	2,083	(¹)	7,339
40 Portion owned by operator.....acres.....	1,161	2,368	2,034	(¹)	677	1,166	(¹)	4,704
41 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	163,050	268,805	421,440	(¹)	128,305	422,210	(¹)	423,040
42 Portion owned by operator.....dollars..	108,029	226,595	273,441	(¹)	79,538	305,844	(¹)	350,963
43 Average value per farm.....dollars..	4,697	7,310	8,821	(¹)	6,628	7,282	(¹)	6,749
44 Mortgaged.....number.....	58	99	83	.....	19	64	2	70
45 Proportion mortgaged.....percent.....	69.0	75.0	72.8	.....	59.4	60.4	66.7	54.7
46 All land in farms.....acres.....	5,306	7,604	6,097	.....	1,374	3,693	(¹)	10,199
47 Portion owned by operator.....acres.....	3,624	5,416	4,067	.....	729	2,473	(¹)	6,941
48 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	603,200	812,177	1,215,020	.....	209,000	644,418	(¹)	617,080
49 Portion owned by operator.....dollars..	511,543	691,310	1,032,882	.....	153,654	527,366	(¹)	500,404
50 Average value per farm.....dollars..	8,820	6,983	12,444	.....	8,087	8,240	(¹)	7,149
51 Mortgaged with amount of debt reported.....number...	57	98	83	.....	19	63	2	69
52 All land in farms.....acres.....	5,275	7,342	6,097	.....	1,374	3,689	(¹)	10,107
53 Portion owned by operator.....acres.....	3,608	5,168	4,067	.....	729	2,472	(¹)	6,859
54 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	598,200	792,177	1,215,020	.....	209,000	642,418	(¹)	614,080
55 Portion owned by operator.....dollars..	507,043	672,310	1,032,882	.....	153,654	525,766	(¹)	497,534
56 Amount of mortgage.....dollars..	181,864	284,535	497,844	.....	86,475	240,329	(¹)	225,897
57 Average equity per farm.....dollars..	5,529	3,957	6,446	.....	3,536	4,531	(¹)	3,937
58 Average debt per farm.....dollars..	3,366	2,903	5,998	.....	4,551	3,815	(¹)	3,274
59 Average debt per acre.....dollars..	53.18	55.06	122.41	.....	118.62	97.22	(¹)	32.93
60 Ratio of debt to value.....percent.....	37.6	42.3	48.2	.....	56.3	45.7	(¹)	45.4
61 No mortgage report.....number.....	3	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	6
62 All land in farms.....acres.....	232	(¹)	.....	.....	(¹)	.....	.....	634
63 Portion owned by operator.....acres.....	61	(¹)	.....	.....	(¹)	.....	.....	407
64 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	39,000	(¹)	.....	.....	(¹)	.....	.....	28,300
65 Portion owned by operator.....dollars..	17,250	(¹)	.....	.....	(¹)	.....	.....	23,725
Average age of operator, by mortgage status:								
66 Full owners.....Free from mortgage.....years....	57.0	57.3	57.3	53.3	55.2	58.3	70.0	57.5
67 Mortgaged.....years.....	52.5	51.6	51.8	49.7	51.7	51.5	59.4	52.1
68 Part owners.....Free from mortgage.....years....	53.7	55.1	57.7	58.0	52.2	55.8	71.0	56.1
69 Mortgaged.....years.....	50.2	51.7	50.9	.....	45.4	48.9	36.5	50.2
70 Average of the rates of interest (see text).....percent..	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.2
FARM TAXES LEVIED IN 1939								
71 Farms operated by full owners.....number...	2,024	1,897	3,026	40	1,080	4,189	10	5,301
72 Owning no additional land (see text).....number...	1,443	1,233	1,896	33	656	3,732	7	3,511
73 percent.....	71.3	65.0	62.7	82.5	60.7	89.1	70.0	66.2
74 Reporting real-estate taxes.....number...	1,368	1,166	1,800	32	619	3,598	5	3,298
75 All land in farms.....acres.....	87,820	85,048	82,546	1,765	25,092	90,128	69	209,293
76 Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	6,955,901	6,316,718	14,426,473	210,200	5,326,547	19,035,477	209,000	17,015,787
77 Amount of real-estate taxes.....dollars..	177,813	142,204	388,760	3,295	141,497	456,221	10,467	449,991
78 Average tax per acre.....dollars..	2.02	1.67	4.71	1.87	5.64	5.06	151.70	2.15
79 Taxes per \$100 of value.....dollars..	2.56	2.25	2.69	1.67	2.66	2.40	5.01	2.64
80 Reporting personal-property taxes.....number...	971	853	1,370	25	411	1,354	5	2,167
81 Amount of personal-property taxes.....dollars..	17,194	19,994	39,875	485	12,244	25,352	233	56,416
82 Average per farm reporting.....dollars..	18	23	29	19	30	19	47	26
83 Farms operated by part owners.....number...	107	208	156	1	48	121	3	171
84 Owning no additional land (see text).....number...	84	132	114	1	32	106	3	128
85 percent.....	78.5	63.5	73.1	100.0	66.7	87.6	100.0	74.9
86 Reporting real-estate taxes.....number...	80	129	111	1	28	105	3	124
87 Land owned by operator.....acres.....	4,742	7,805	6,066	(¹)	1,217	3,627	31	11,706
88 Value of land and buildings owned.....dollars..	623,572	942,970	1,287,723	(¹)	207,289	833,010	41,722	851,267
89 Amount of real-estate taxes.....dollars..	19,174	21,970	33,990	(¹)	6,918	22,149	2,414	25,321
90 Average tax per acre.....dollars..	4.04	2.81	5.60	(¹)	5.68	6.11	77.87	2.16
91 Taxes per \$100 of value.....dollars..	3.07	2.33	2.64	(¹)	3.34	2.66	5.79	2.97
92 Reporting personal-property taxes.....number...	67	94	100	1	25	75	3	106
93 Amount of personal-property taxes.....dollars..	2,486	2,993	3,599	(¹)	1,491	3,738	236	6,044
94 Average per farm reporting.....dollars..	37	32	36	(¹)	60	50	79	57

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