

Table 6. Characteristics of Operators: 1978

All Farms	Operators			Operators by place of residence		Operators reporting days of work off farm				Operators by principal occupation	
	Male	Female	Average age	On farm operated	Not on farm operated	Any days	1 to 99 days	100 to 199 days	200 days or more	Farming	Other
Massachusetts.....	5 438	453	51.9	4 780	743	3 275	440	538	2 297	3 062	2 829
Barnstable.....	102	15	54.0	73	28	58	15	11	32	74	43
Berkshire.....	298	20	52.7	256	34	141	33	22	86	208	110
Bristol.....	522	32	51.7	426	79	288	32	58	198	317	237
Dukes.....	49	4	55.5	42	8	36	8	7	21	23	30
Essex.....	314	30	51.5	279	46	179	31	42	106	198	146
Franklin.....	421	35	52.0	389	38	222	37	53	132	281	175
Hampden.....	334	33	53.9	297	45	190	29	45	116	205	162
Hampshire.....	457	36	53.9	406	58	245	43	41	161	297	196
Middlesex.....	525	49	51.7	448	80	278	44	60	174	329	245
Nantucket.....	9	-	50.7	7	2	6	3	1	2	4	5
Norfolk.....	188	15	53.9	151	35	96	18	7	71	106	97
Plymouth.....	534	55	53.0	343	193	318	55	60	203	328	261
Suffolk.....	3	2	51.0	2	3	1	-	-	1	2	3
Worcester.....	807	57	51.8	741	69	462	61	81	320	480	384
Farms not on mail list.....	875	70	48.7	920	25	755	31	50	674	210	735

Table 7. Farms by Value of Sales and Occupation: 1978

All Farms	Farms with sales of \$20,000 or more				Farms with sales of less than \$20,000				Abnormal farms (see text)
	Farms	Total	Occupation		Total	Occupation			
			Farming	Other than farming		Farming	Other than farming		
Massachusetts.....	5 891	1 740	1 545	195	4 131	1 501	2 630	20	
Barnstable.....	117	28	27	1	88	46	42	1	
Berkshire.....	318	128	124	4	189	83	106	1	
Bristol.....	554	194	167	27	359	150	209	1	
Dukes.....	53	4	3	1	48	20	28	1	
Essex.....	344	104	98	6	239	99	140	1	
Franklin.....	456	177	165	12	279	116	163	-	
Hampden.....	367	119	107	12	248	98	150	-	
Hampshire.....	493	164	157	7	326	137	189	3	
Middlesex.....	574	205	180	25	365	145	220	4	
Nantucket.....	9	3	3	-	6	1	5	-	
Norfolk.....	203	66	52	14	136	53	83	1	
Plymouth.....	589	200	163	37	386	163	223	3	
Suffolk.....	5	3	-	3	2	2	-	-	
Worcester.....	864	323	284	39	537	193	344	4	
Farms not on mail list.....	945	22	15	7	923	195	728	-	

Table 8. Farms by Standard Industrial Classification: 1978

All Farms Part 1 of 2			Field crop except cash grain (013)				Vegetable and melon (016)	Fruit and tree nut (017)
	Farms	Cash grain (011)	Total (013)	Cotton (0131)	Tobacco (0132)	Sugar crop, Irish potato, hay, peanut, and other field crop (0133, 0134, 0139)		
Massachusetts.....	5 891	39	843	-	31	812	651	740
Barnstable.....	117	-	4	-	-	4	10	63
Berkshire.....	318	1	54	-	-	54	18	11
Bristol.....	554	1	63	-	-	63	110	44
Dukes.....	53	-	10	-	-	10	8	1
Essex.....	344	-	60	-	-	60	61	22
Franklin.....	456	2	86	-	9	77	38	30
Hampden.....	367	1	54	-	8	46	48	47
Hampshire.....	493	7	95	-	14	81	100	32
Middlesex.....	574	-	78	-	-	78	75	50
Nantucket.....	9	-	1	-	-	1	2	3
Norfolk.....	203	-	26	-	-	26	18	10
Plymouth.....	589	-	35	-	-	35	53	307
Suffolk.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Worcester.....	864	-	136	-	-	136	47	86
Farms not on mail list.....	945	27	141	-	-	141	63	34

Table 8. Farms by Standard Industrial Classification: 1978—Con.

All Farms Part 2 of 2			Livestock except dairy, poultry, and animal specialty (021)					
	Horticultural specialty (018)	General, primarily crop (019)	Total	Beef cattle, except feedlots (0212)	Dairy (024)	Poultry and egg (025)	Animal specialty (027)	General, primarily livestock (029)
Massachusetts.....	645	270	1 230	619	822	207	340	104
Barnstable.....	25	3	5	2	—	2	4	1
Berkshire.....	25	13	77	55	100	9	8	2
Bristol.....	56	15	123	50	88	27	22	5
Dukes.....	10	2	14	7	3	1	2	2
Essex.....	56	7	55	24	27	16	33	7
Franklin.....	20	15	105	72	133	6	18	3
Hampden.....	54	6	68	35	61	11	15	2
Hampshire.....	27	20	74	41	102	16	11	9
Middlesex.....	131	19	109	43	42	33	32	5
Nantucket.....	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Norfolk.....	70	5	27	10	21	11	11	4
Plymouth.....	51	11	49	16	29	18	27	9
Suffolk.....	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Worcester.....	62	15	225	112	209	35	38	11
Farms not on mail list.....	53	139	299	152	7	22	116	44

Table 9. Farms by Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold: 1978

[Excludes abnormal farms; see text]

	Farms	Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more						Farms with sales less than \$2,500				
		Total	\$100,000 or more	\$40,000 to \$99,999	\$20,000 to \$39,999	\$10,000 to \$19,999	\$5,000 to \$9,999	\$2,500 to \$4,999	Total	\$2,000 to \$2,499	\$1,500 to \$1,999	\$1,000 to \$1,499 (see text)
Massachusetts.....	5 871	3 859	487	688	565	556	714	849	2 012	259	337	1 416
Barnstable.....	116	87	2	12	14	11	28	20	29	7	7	15
Berkshire.....	317	219	44	55	29	20	35	36	98	19	10	69
Bristol.....	553	410	43	83	68	66	76	74	143	25	28	90
Dukes.....	52	29	—	1	3	6	12	7	23	6	6	11
Essex.....	343	244	34	37	33	42	52	46	99	15	21	63
Franklin.....	456	342	50	72	55	44	44	77	114	18	22	74
Hampden.....	367	259	40	45	34	47	39	54	108	17	20	71
Hampshire.....	490	347	46	70	48	45	69	69	143	25	28	90
Middlesex.....	570	434	62	85	58	74	57	98	136	25	31	80
Nantucket.....	9	6	1	1	1	2	1	—	3	1	—	2
Norfolk.....	202	149	14	24	28	20	22	41	53	8	13	32
Plymouth.....	586	457	57	74	69	56	104	97	129	23	27	79
Suffolk.....	5	5	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Worcester.....	860	600	92	128	103	71	95	111	260	49	39	172
Farms not on mail list.....	945	271	—	—	22	52	78	119	674	21	85	568

Table 10. Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold for All Farms: 1978

	Products sold		Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products		Livestock and livestock products		Poultry and poultry products	
	Total (\$1,000)	Average per farm (dollars)	Farms	Value (\$1,000)	Farms	Value (\$1,000)	Farms	Value (\$1,000)
Massachusetts.....	214 675	36 441	3 427	100 829	2 928	95 164	574	18 682
Barnstable.....	2 048	17 502	104	1 973	26	58	11	16
Berkshire.....	13 289	41 788	148	1 850	219	10 305	25	1 134
Bristol.....	19 657	35 482	322	8 307	277	9 695	61	1 655
Dukes.....	363	6 848	41	235	27	122	11	6
Essex.....	11 789	34 271	229	6 528	156	3 845	36	1 416
Franklin.....	19 443	42 637	244	6 699	303	12 182	36	562
Hampden.....	14 179	38 635	224	8 893	178	4 546	23	740
Hampshire.....	21 741	44 100	327	9 750	236	9 105	36	2 886
Middlesex.....	41 016	71 457	382	20 437	232	17 611	69	2 968
Nantucket.....	249	27 704	8	(D)	4	(D)	—	—
Norfolk.....	5 829	28 714	136	4 253	75	1 253	20	324
Plymouth.....	25 581	43 431	468	19 310	157	5 594	45	676
Suffolk.....	360	72 003	3	(D)	2	(D)	—	—
Worcester.....	36 450	42 188	441	11 248	561	19 081	85	6 121
Farms not on mail list.....	2 681	2 838	350	750	475	1 753	116	178