

Table 1. County Summary Highlights: 1997

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
Farms	5 574	221	387	555	64	396	543
Land in farms	518 299	4 746	62 833	37 173	4 896	25 547	75 134
Average size of farm	93	21	162	67	77	65	138
Median size of farm	37	6	75	34	14	24	88
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm	455 014	329 469	546 679	456 486	660 929	526 583	314 595
Average per acre	5 207	15 774	3 150	7 625	8 640	8 602	2 279
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :							
Average per farm	40 395	32 189	34 905	30 941	22 404	54 306	39 432
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	1 254	127	57	120	23	103	53
10 to 49 acres	1 865	71	96	206	26	153	137
50 to 179 acres	1 690	19	126	181	12	104	220
180 to 499 acres	614	4	74	41	1	32	109
500 to 999 acres	121	—	27	7	1	3	22
1,000 acres or more	30	—	7	—	1	1	2
Total cropland	4 990	181	344	499	53	357	482
Harvested cropland	223 573	2 493	30 794	17 598	1 365	12 427	31 698
Irrigated land	4 587	170	319	452	47	326	434
Market value of agricultural products sold	454 404	18 225	20 725	34 102	1 250	25 091	40 704
Average per farm	81 522	82 466	53 553	61 444	19 524	63 361	74 962
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	357 377	17 218	8 294	25 084	986	19 869	25 074
Livestock, poultry, and their products	97 027	1 007	12 432	9 018	264	5 222	15 630
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500	1 616	40	135	159	24	119	157
\$2,500 to \$4,999	664	27	54	63	9	44	83
\$5,000 to \$9,999	707	26	59	72	13	54	71
\$10,000 to \$24,999	753	54	46	88	7	45	57
\$25,000 to \$49,999	507	21	22	59	4	38	35
\$50,000 to \$99,999	468	21	25	39	1	41	54
\$100,000 or more	859	32	46	75	6	55	86
Total farm production expenses ¹	311 068	11 055	17 957	22 066	1 180	16 144	32 218
Average per farm	55 897	50 023	46 281	39 758	18 432	40 872	59 334
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text)	5 571	221	388	555	64	395	543
Average per farm	135 155	7 036	2 304	11 008	70	9 107	7 873
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	2 927	110	194	310	32	202	275
Other	2 647	111	193	245	32	194	268
Operators by days worked off farm:							
Any	2 980	138	209	284	45	206	320
200 days or more	1 864	74	133	165	20	134	190
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory	1 420	11	160	159	15	68	230
Beef cows	61 719	69	9 468	8 032	290	2 767	11 996
Milk cows	799	6	92	92	8	46	105
Cattle and calves sold	6 858	(D)	892	937	(D)	553	745
Hogs and pigs inventory	483	2	68	41	3	16	102
Hogs and pigs sold	26 846	(D)	4 116	3 668	(D)	948	5 699
Sheep and lambs inventory	1 158	8	133	134	11	52	200
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	24 849	40	3 673	3 397	65	1 308	4 638
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	383	2	42	60	11	24	38
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for grain or seed	18 297	(D)	833	4 504	106	278	(D)
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	269	2	25	50	11	12	21
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	23 636	(D)	1 540	4 634	(D)	346	256
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	431	9	40	41	12	34	45
Land in orchards	8 348	106	640	657	318	390	990
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	510	18	40	51	17	43	47
Land in orchards	682 853	3 287	(D)	4 190	505	(D)	(D)
Land in orchards	41	—	3	5	2	5	5
Land in orchards	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	305	(D)
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for grain or seed	99	1	13	16	1	10	12
Corn for silage or green chop	4 951	(D)	1 455	394	(D)	116	663
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	590 748	(D)	180 992	23 380	(D)	10 615	68 524
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	403	1	39	65	—	12	76
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	22 813	(D)	3 492	2 795	—	606	4 297
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	445 811	(D)	67 630	69 735	—	10 089	92 219
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	93	6	7	6	4	6	17
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	2 964	4	3	(D)	3	4	888
Land in orchards	789 847	381	324	(D)	(D)	422	248 760
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	2 168	8	217	215	17	154	286
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	100 218	(D)	16 843	6 681	734	6 982	14 018
Land in orchards	181 885	(D)	31 866	12 487	1 168	12 031	24 519
Land in orchards	935	32	50	105	10	91	78
Land in orchards	16 039	178	677	2 210	(D)	1 362	1 429
Land in orchards	431	13	16	47	5	26	41
Land in orchards	6 546	26	141	353	(D)	369	590

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. County Summary Highlights: 1997—Con.

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Item	Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
Farms	418	539	531	14	185	732	5	984
Land in farms	37 417	52 092	30 718	1 049	9 869	73 418	7	103 400
Average size of farm	90	97	58	75	53	100	1	105
Median size of farm	44	43	24	3	16	25	1	58
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm	357 644	302 304	503 318	680 147	573 801	694 704	339 000	377 579
Average per acre	4 617	3 859	9 762	9 077	9 917	6 654	242 143	4 236
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :								
Average per farm	28 543	36 035	40 939	66 500	35 060	60 545	18 550	38 750
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	72	115	163	8	69	188	5	151
10 to 49 acres	145	172	195	4	66	299	—	295
50 to 179 acres	146	172	139	—	33	165	—	373
180 to 499 acres	46	64	27	1	16	58	—	141
500 to 999 acres	8	12	7	1	1	11	—	21
1,000 acres or more	1	4	—	—	—	11	—	3
Total cropland	386	478	463	14	156	677	5	895
Harvested cropland	16 114	26 865	15 253	(D)	3 856	20 665	(D)	44 047
Irrigated land	83	71	186	13	69	493	3	165
Market value of agricultural products sold	29 107	35 514	57 572	2 951	8 266	122 687	263	57 949
Average per farm	69 633	65 888	108 421	210 821	44 680	167 605	52 620	58 891
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	24 986	25 130	49 788	2 951	7 340	118 591	263	31 803
Livestock, poultry, and their products	4 120	10 384	7 783	—	926	4 095	—	26 146
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	156	156	168	3	62	121	—	316
\$2,500 to \$4,999	51	71	67	—	13	56	—	126
\$5,000 to \$9,999	54	72	55	1	24	68	—	138
\$10,000 to \$24,999	52	71	86	3	29	89	2	124
\$25,000 to \$49,999	30	49	39	—	21	91	1	97
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19	52	41	4	15	88	1	67
\$100,000 or more	56	68	75	3	21	219	1	116
Total farm production expenses ¹	21 535	25 744	36 251	2 956	6 351	73 867	264	43 480
Average per farm	51 519	47 763	68 269	211 150	34 517	101 886	52 858	44 232
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text)	418	539	531	14	184	731	5	983
Average per farm	6 511	8 874	22 468	-5	1 467	44 695	-1	13 747
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming	209	278	283	13	93	439	3	486
Other	209	261	248	1	92	293	2	498
Operators by days worked off farm:								
Any	220	295	257	6	92	365	3	540
200 days or more	148	185	161	—	71	219	—	364
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory	101	147	93	—	42	65	—	329
Beef cows	3 555	7 170	2 569	—	901	2 126	—	12 776
Milk cows	62	81	61	—	28	34	—	184
Cattle and calves sold	527	641	517	—	205	265	—	1 472
Hogs and pigs inventory	33	55	19	—	15	22	—	107
Hogs and pigs sold	1 384	3 155	726	—	310	1 099	—	5 704
Sheep and lambs inventory	76	125	69	—	34	47	—	269
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	1 214	2 852	1 197	—	249	742	—	5 474
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	24	27	35	—	20	29	—	71
Sheep and lambs sold	264	2 022	4 096	—	1 011	1 466	—	3 483
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	15	17	30	—	11	22	—	53
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	552	4 384	4 966	—	763	1 774	—	4 193
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	26	35	46	—	19	35	—	89
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	451	1 225	885	—	491	546	—	1 649
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	40	37	46	—	26	46	—	99
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	895	(D)	10 706	—	(D)	1 210	—	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3	1	5	—	1	4	—	7
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	(D)	1 095	—	(D)	138	—	821
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed	7	20	6	—	—	5	—	8
Corn for silage or green chop	125	1 970	71	—	—	(D)	—	127
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	10 130	270 407	8 600	—	—	(D)	—	14 510
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	25	56	17	—	10	17	—	85
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	1 673	3 013	576	—	(D)	1 737	—	4 381
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	29 035	53 484	11 080	—	(D)	27 607	—	81 000
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	2	17	9	1	3	5	—	10
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	(D)	1 896	27	(D)	3	10	—	9
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	(D)	507 586	1 957	(D)	(D)	1 085	—	1 549
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	181	234	176	2	51	104	—	523
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	7 004	11 071	7 119	(D)	1 884	3 465	—	24 286
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	12 935	20 845	12 517	(D)	2 877	7 260	—	43 123
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	66	124	139	4	40	56	1	139
Land in orchards	1 221	3 058	2 357	98	508	781	(D)	2 092
Land in orchards	43	39	56	1	10	20	—	114
Land in orchards	711	408	902	(D)	108	86	—	2 838

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.