

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



PLYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 72,247 acres in 1992 to 73,418 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 108 acres in 1992 to 100 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 10 percent from 400 farms in 1992 to 439 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

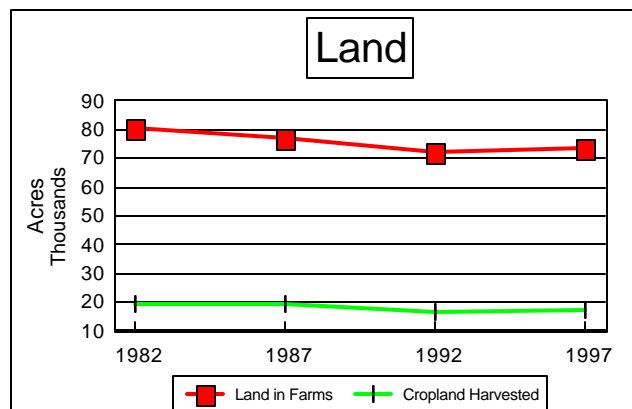
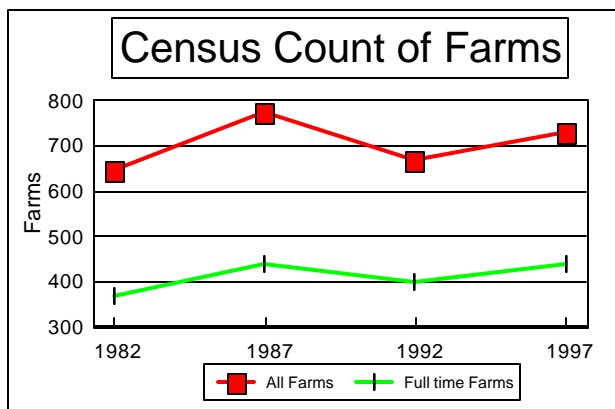
Increased 28 percent to \$122,687,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 17 percent from \$143,347 in 1992 to \$167,605 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	122,687	1	14	356	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	118,591	1	14	95	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,095	9	12	2,452	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	112,075	1	13	27	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,816	9	14	404	2,790
Dairy products	2,764	7	11	914	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,258	8	14	483	2,739
Poultry & poultry products	443	6	12	1,119	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	27,829	1	11	348	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	1,774	5	12	1,611	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	742	9	12	2,880	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	437	7	12	1,330	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	138	10	11	1,342	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,126	9	12	2,822	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,544	4	12	529	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,466	5	12	1,458	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,039	10	12	1,185	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	815	6	13	968	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Total berries-acres	11,314	1	13	2	2,058
Hay crops-acres	3,465	9	13	2,504	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,737	6	11	761	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	781	8	14	519	2,741
All nursery-acres	342	9	14	703	2,619

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	245	242	1
\$10,000 or more	487	426	14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	73,867	61,881	19
Average per farmdollars..	101,886	92,637	10
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	44,695	33,643	33
Average per farmdollars..	61,143	50,363	21
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	508	471	8
Partnership or corporation	209	179	17
Other	15	18	-17
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	439	400	10
Other	293	268	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	620	568	9
Female	112	100	12
Operators by race:			
White	721	658	10
Black and other races	11	10	10
Average age of operator	54.3	53.3	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.