

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



BRISTOL MASSACHUSETTS

Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 34,235 acres in 1992 to 37,173 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 65 acres in 1992 to 67 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 298 farms in 1992 to 310 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

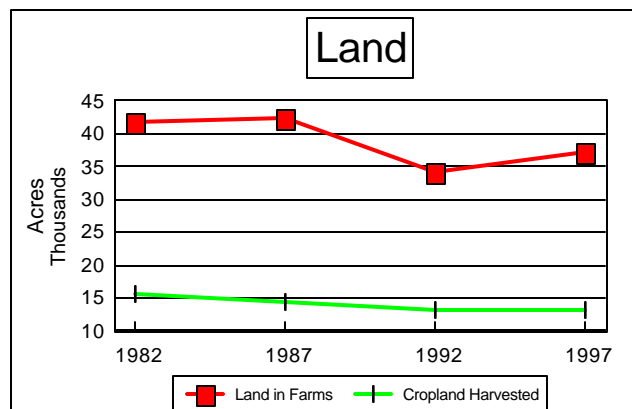
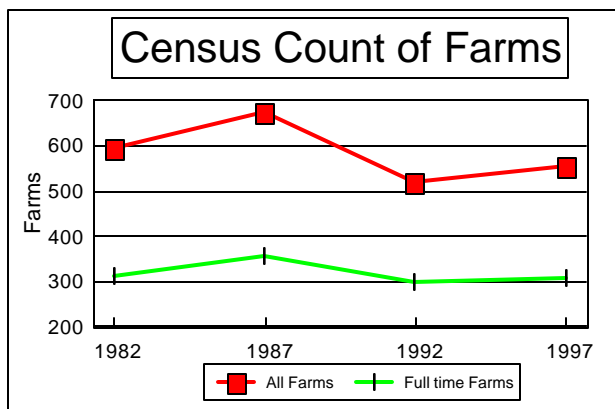
Increased 15 percent to \$34,102,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$56,624 in 1992 to \$61,444 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	34,102	6	14	1,600	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	25,084	5	14	1,089	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,018	5	12	1,936	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	11,121	4	14	185	2,790
Dairy products	7,053	4	11	488	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	6,517	1	14	151	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	6,362	4	13	135	2,547
Cattle and calves	1,209	2	12	2,441	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Rabbits and their pelts sold	6,407	1	9	26	1,593
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	4	12	354	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	3	11	742	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	4,634	2	12	1,251	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	3,397	4	12	2,417	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	8,032	4	12	2,326	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,504	1	12	1,050	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,670	6	12	873	3,002
Rabbit inventory	2,931	2	12	21	2,456
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,287	5	12	587	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,681	8	13	2,069	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,795	5	11	521	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,162	3	14	276	2,741
Total berries-acres	(D)	3	13	34	2,058
Corn for grain-acres	394	4	11	2,116	2,691

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	294	269	9
\$10,000 or more	261	254	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	22,066	22,515	-2
Average per farmdollars..	39,758	43,133	-8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,008	6,794	62
Average per farmdollars..	19,835	13,015	52
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	444	426	4
Partnership or corporation	106	92	15
Other	5	5	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	310	298	4
Other	245	225	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	489	456	7
Female	66	67	-1
Operators by race:			
White	553	519	7
Black and other races	2	4	-50
Average age of operator	55.0	52.4	5

(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.