

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



HAMPSHIRE MASSACHUSETTS

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 53,459 acres in 1992 to 52,092 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 101 acres in 1992 to 97 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 280 farms in 1992 to 278 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

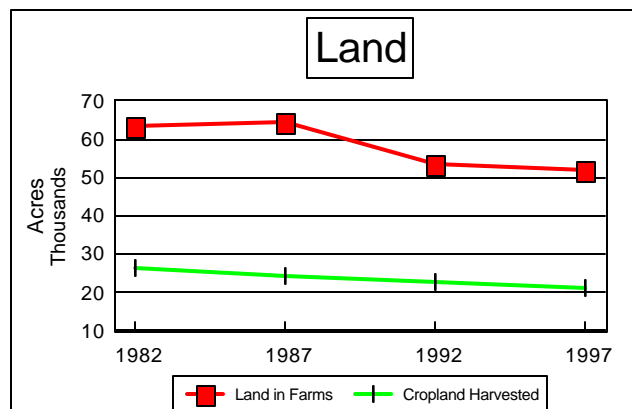
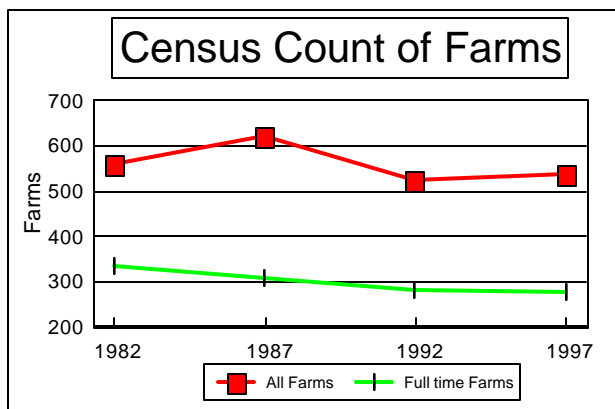
Increased 43 percent to \$35,514,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 40 percent from \$47,048 in 1992 to \$65,888 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	35,514	5	14	1,553	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	25,130	4	14	1,085	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	10,384	4	12	1,828	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	7,038	5	11	489	2,563
Tobacco	6,835	2	4	129	580
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	5,816	2	14	160	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,317	8	14	374	2,790
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	4,658	1	13	238	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	2	12	173	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	2	9	39	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	4,384	3	12	1,274	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	7	11	414	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	2,852	5	12	2,504	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,170	5	12	2,392	3,064
Rabbit inventory	(D)	1	12	12	2,456
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,943	3	12	353	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,930	8	12	901	3,002
All turkeys inventory	(D)	1	12	361	2,361
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,071	4	13	1,610	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	3,024	1	14	209	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	3,013	4	11	489	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,970	1	11	1,652	2,691
Potatoes-acres	1,896	1	13	116	1,733

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	299	315	-5
\$10,000 or more	240	212	13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,744	19,857	30
Average per farmdollars..	47,763	37,751	27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,874	4,052	119
Average per farmdollars..	16,465	7,704	114
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	458	446	3
Partnership or corporation	72	73	-1
Other	9	8	13
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	278	280	-1
Other	261	247	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	475	463	3
Female	64	64	
Operators by race:			
White	537	523	3
Black and other races	2	4	-50
Average age of operator	54.4	53.7	1

(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.