

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



## MIDDLESEX MASSACHUSETTS

### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 31,583 acres in 1992 to 30,718 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 59 acres in 1992 to 58 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 292 farms in 1992 to 283 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

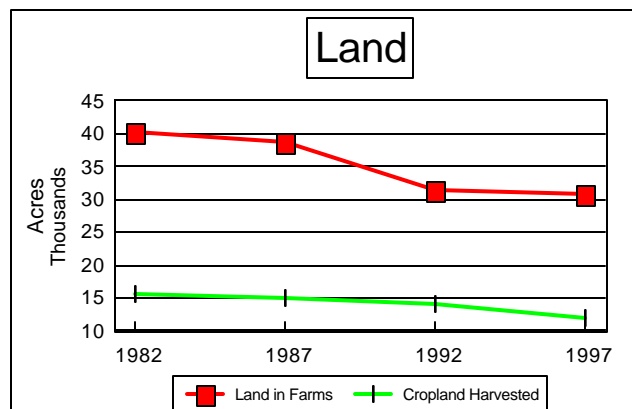
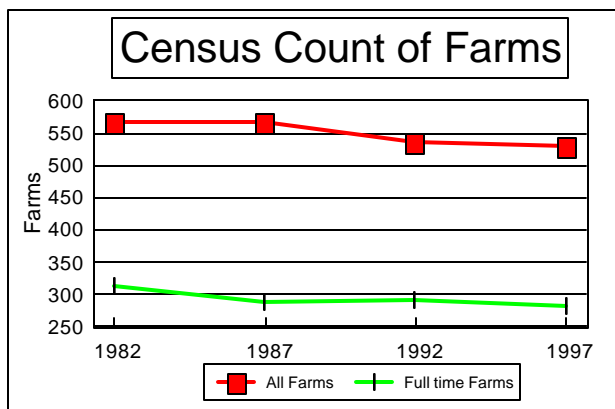
Increased 28 percent to \$57,572,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$83,892 in 1992 to \$108,421 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	57,572	3	14	1,035	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	49,788	2	14	554	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,783	6	12	2,058	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	41,250	1	14	47	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	5,266	3	14	179	2,739
All other livestock & products	(D)	1	10	17	1,649
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,193	5	13	218	2,547
Dairy products	2,082	9	11	1,041	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	4	12	812	2,203
Turkeys sold	8,682	5	11	387	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	4,966	1	12	1,233	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,197	8	12	2,791	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,095	5	11	920	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	8,591	4	12	819	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	1	12	135	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,096	2	12	1,085	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	2,569	8	12	2,779	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	2,115	4	12	423	2,549
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	7,119	5	13	2,006	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,310	2	14	258	2,741
All nursery-acres	1,245	2	14	240	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	902	2	13	344	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	576	9	11	1,363	2,473

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	290	311	-7
\$10,000 or more .....	241	224	8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	36,251	31,243	16
Average per farm .....dollars..	68,269	58,398	17
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	22,468	11,139	102
Average per farm .....dollars..	42,312	20,820	103
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	408	419	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	118	111	6
Other .....	5	5	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	283	292	-3
Other .....	248	243	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	417	429	-3
Female .....	114	106	8
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	529	534	-1
Black and other races .....	2	1	100
Average age of operator .....	55.1	54.4	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.