

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Norfolk, Massachusetts

Number of farms

208 farms in 2002, 253 farms in 1997, down 18 percent.

Land in farms

12,645 acres in 2002, 11,605 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

Average size of farm

61 acres in 2002, 46 acres in 1997, up 33 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$11,306,000 in 2002, \$8,776,000 in 1997, up 29 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,529,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$777,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

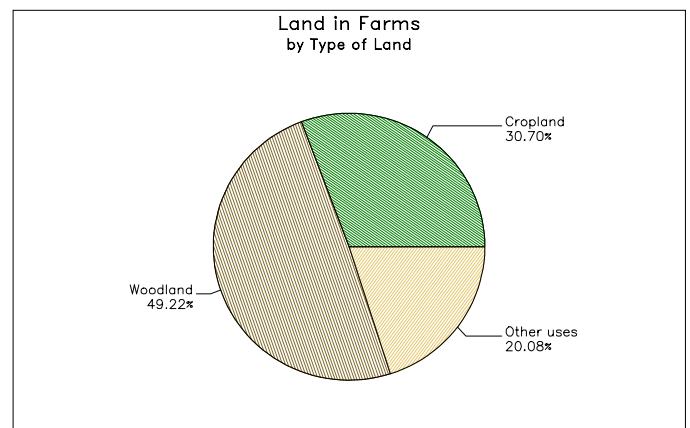
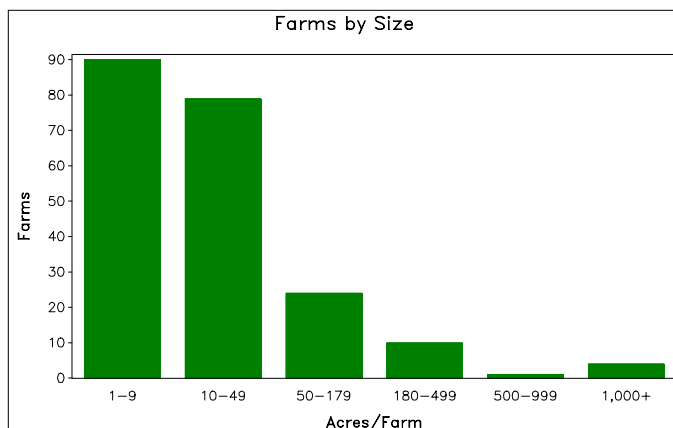
\$54,357 in 2002, \$34,686 in 1997, up 57 percent.

Government Payments

(D) in 2002, \$41,000 in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

(D) in 2002, \$3,379 in 1997.



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Ranked items among the 14 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	11,306	11	14	2,447	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,529	9	14	1,615	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	777	11	13	2,902	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	9	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	446	10	14	572	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	8,609	7	14	300	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	20	10	11	967	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	86	9	12	1,345	2,918
Cattle and calves	72	10	12	2,983	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	12	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	20	11	12	1,917	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	3,728	6	13	835	2,983
Cattle and calves	738	10	13	2,951	3,059
Horses and ponies	731	10	14	1,679	3,065
Hogs and pigs	(D)	6	12	(D)	2,926
Sheep and lambs	294	11	12	1,768	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,561	10	13	2,792	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	605	9	14	585	2,710
Sweet corn	343	9	13	257	2,279
Pumpkins	110	9	14	223	1,714
Squash	91	8	14	158	1,580

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	99
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4
\$500,000 or more	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	11,389
Average per farm (\$)	54,491
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,317
Average per farm (\$)	11,087

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	97
Other	111
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	160
Female	48
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	322
Black or African American	13
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	4
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.