2002 Census of Agriculture
County Profile

Franklin, Massachusetts

Number of farms
586 farms in 2002, 679 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms
74,281 acres in 2002, 81,121 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm
127 acres in 2002, 119 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Market Value of Production
$42,895,000 in 2002, $40,737,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.
   Crop sales accounted for $27,190,000 of the total value in 2002.
   Livestock sales accounted for $15,705,000 of the total value in 2002.
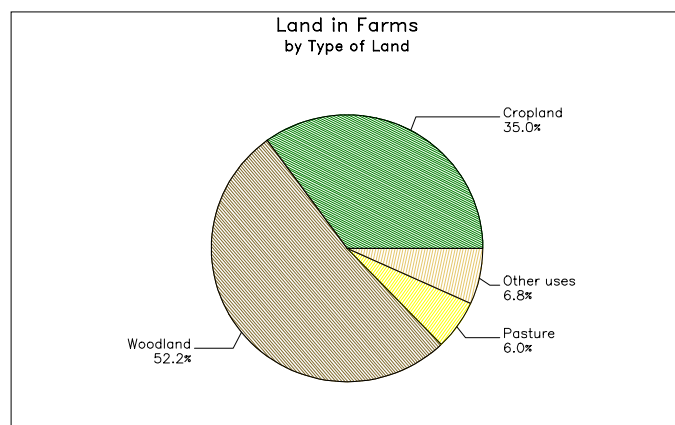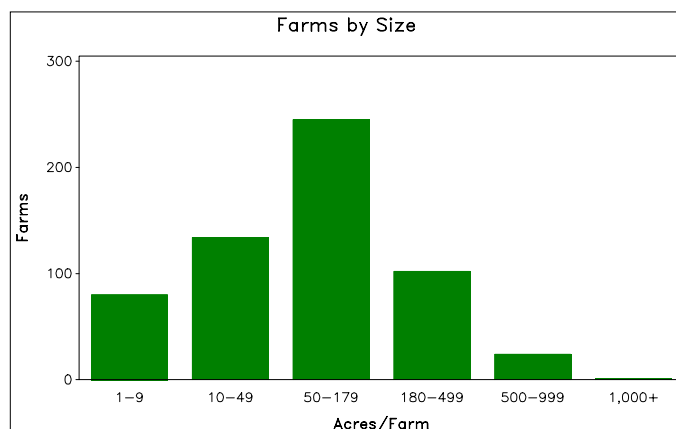
Market Value of Production, average per farm
$73,200 in 2002, $59,996 in 1997, up 22 percent.

Government Payments
$765,000 in 2002, $212,000 in 1997, up 261 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments
$12,752 in 2002, $3,779 in 1997, up 237 percent.

Farms by Size

Farms vs. Acres/Farm (1–9, 10–49, 50–179, 180–499, 500–999, 1,000+)

Land in Farms
by Type of Land

- Cropland 35.0%
- Woodland 52.2%
- Pasture 6.0%
- Other uses 6.8%

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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	42,895	4	14	1,349	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	27,190	4	14	935	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,705	2	13	1,505	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	136	4	9	2,311	2,871
Tobacco	3,593	3	3	131	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,463	2	14	252	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,363	6	14	223	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	12,927	4	14	205	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	138	5	11	349	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,571	2	13	829	3,046
Poultry and eggs	517	4	12	1,051	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,029	1	12	1,902	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	10,375	1	10	366	2,493
Hogs and pigs	14	10	12	2,173	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	120	5	12	702	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	83	10	13	1,942	3,014
Aquaculture	1,265	3	11	149	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	303	3	11	432	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	14,295	3	13	710	2,983
Cattle and calves	8,960	2	13	2,142	3,059
Rabbits	(D)	1	12	(D)	1,966
Quail [3]	(D)	(D)	6	(D)	1,412
Pheasants [3]	(D)	(D)	9	(D)	1,541
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,289	3	13	1,654	3,059
Corn for silage	2,950	2	11	571	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	1,911	2	14	289	2,710
Potatoes	1,180	2	13	149	1,551
Sweet corn	502	6	13	198	2,279

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	141
$1,000 to $2,499	94
$2,500 to $4,999	85
$5,000 to $9,999	54
$10,000 to $19,999	44
$20,000 to $24,999	19
$25,000 to $39,999	23
$40,000 to $49,999	9
$50,000 to $99,999	30
$100,000 to $249,999	47
$250,000 to $499,999	21
$500,000 or more	19
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	45,627
Average per farm ($)	77,202
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	13,998
Average per farm ($)	23,685

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	312
Other	274
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	487
Female	99
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
All operators [2] by race:	
White	928
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	3
More than one race	3
All operators [2] of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	14

(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.
[3] Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.