

Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997

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Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
FARMS							
Land in farms	farms, 2002 6,075	285	401	624	83	400	586
	1997 7,307	300	501	714	88	526	679
	acres, 2002 518,570	5,990	68,630	36,085	7,826	27,856	74,281
	1997 577,637	5,712	67,983	41,911	5,741	29,232	81,121
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 4,210	150	289	398	45	271	434
	1997 5,696	223	399	551	65	403	508
	acres, 2002 159,253	2,224	18,935	11,981	530	8,903	19,255
	1997 184,480	2,450	22,118	14,310	1,084	11,229	23,058
TENURE							
Full owners	farms, 2002 4,355	178	248	492	50	295	386
	1997 5,115	208	321	503	44	393	425
	acres, 2002 283,922	(D)	36,097	22,038	6,392	15,552	33,840
	1997 320,141	4,430	32,270	23,314	(D)	15,948	38,415
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 2,900	117	169	290	32	186	267
	1997 3,805	173	242	365	32	296	293
	acres, 2002 52,934	814	4,189	5,382	(D)	3,290	4,342
	1997 63,963	1,770	5,027	4,984	(D)	4,866	5,717
Part owners	farms, 2002 1,221	27	127	89	11	70	179
	1997 1,568	30	138	137	32	88	215
	acres, 2002 210,371	(D)	29,817	12,254	1,148	11,146	38,723
	1997 223,728	976	31,060	13,377	1,647	11,220	39,857
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002 127,708	1,347	15,939	6,393	768	5,784	27,391
	1997 138,278	710	18,729	7,970	736	7,001	26,692
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002 82,663	(D)	13,878	5,861	380	5,362	11,332
	1997 85,450	266	12,331	5,407	911	4,219	13,165
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 1,019	20	103	85	9	57	150
	1997 1,408	24	126	121	28	73	183
	acres, 2002 95,023	1,254	13,235	5,748	(D)	5,087	14,328
	1997 103,025	499	14,155	6,748	776	5,424	15,539
Tenants	farms, 2002 499	80	26	43	22	35	21
	1997 624	62	42	74	12	45	39
	acres, 2002 24,277	(D)	2,716	1,793	286	1,158	1,718
	1997 33,768	306	4,653	5,220	(D)	2,064	2,849
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 291	13	17	23	4	28	17
	1997 483	26	31	65	5	34	32
	acres, 2002 11,296	156	1,511	851	(D)	526	585
	1997 17,492	181	2,936	2,578	(D)	939	1,802
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators	number 9,768	416	662	985	123	649	952
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	3,199	182	213	354	53	212	278
2 operators	2,298	84	147	211	23	144	267
3 operators	407	11	24	33	5	34	26
4 operators	121	7	8	22	1	4	13
5 or more operators	50	1	9	4	1	6	2
Total women operators	number 3,469	139	240	357	62	265	316
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	2,742	102	199	267	52	181	256
2 operators	307	17	13	33	5	39	27
3 operators	31	1	5	8	-	2	2
4 operators	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Male	farms, 2002 4,770	228	320	500	41	282	487
	1997 5,939	240	431	614	61	403	562
	acres, 2002 447,510	5,234	58,710	31,029	7,059	21,528	67,075
	1997 516,970	5,242	62,409	37,567	5,349	25,321	72,955
Female	farms, 2002 1,305	57	81	124	42	118	99
	1997 1,368	60	70	100	27	123	117
	acres, 2002 71,060	756	9,920	5,056	767	6,328	7,206
	1997 60,667	470	5,574	4,344	392	3,911	8,166
Primary occupation:							
Farming	2002 3,283	146	233	322	56	209	312
	1997 3,603	150	236	373	43	254	311
Other	2002 2,792	139	168	302	27	191	274
	1997 3,704	150	265	341	45	272	368
Place of residence ¹ :							
On farm operated	2002 4,855	157	332	500	50	343	499
	1997 5,569	155	386	540	55	427	560
Not on farm operated	2002 1,220	128	69	124	33	57	87
	1997 1,351	122	83	137	23	78	84
Days worked off farm ¹ :							
None	2002 2,841	133	191	295	41	183	242
	1997 2,787	87	198	280	18	220	218
Any	2002 3,234	152	210	329	42	217	344
	1997 4,128	193	284	392	62	286	428
1 to 49 days	2002 387	15	15	31	4	22	44
	1997 410	19	16	41	4	24	42
50 to 99 days	2002 189	19	18	16	1	12	17
	1997 311	16	20	35	12	14	22
100 to 199 days	2002 499	24	45	74	11	36	60
	1997 (NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002 2,159	94	132	208	26	147	223
	1997 2,639	101	179	236	29	189	264

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Item		Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002	458	542	579	13	208	794	8	1,094
	1997	551	699	693	20	253	1,000	5	1,278
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	37,637	50,756	33,160	(D)	12,645	59,445	(D)	103,538
	1997	41,888	58,768	34,991	1,159	11,605	81,216	7	116,303
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	311	403	389	10	105	578	5	822
	1997	432	525	533	16	169	841	5	1,026
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	10,961	19,819	11,707	(D)	2,403	18,304	(D)	34,031
	1997	13,052	23,346	13,841	(D)	3,425	19,553	(D)	36,656
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002	340	323	415	8	165	660	7	788
	1997	396	424	470	15	196	806	5	909
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	23,124	23,601	16,368	(D)	7,457	42,438	(D)	53,060
	1997	23,101	23,987	17,519	(D)	7,704	67,023	7	62,115
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	221	227	256	8	80	483	4	560
	1997	287	283	330	11	125	670	5	693
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	5,110	4,225	3,154	178	869	9,711	(D)	11,476
	1997	4,659	4,413	3,918	(D)	1,391	14,068	(D)	12,728
Part owners	farms, 2002	85	171	107	5	27	75	-	248
	1997	129	217	140	4	34	110	-	294
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	11,335	24,715	13,792	(D)	4,517	12,328	-	48,280
	1997	17,757	32,648	13,563	43	3,118	10,622	-	47,840
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	7,505	13,772	7,269	43	2,010	8,128	-	31,359
	1997	11,245	19,087	6,346	28	1,554	7,197	-	30,983
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	3,830	10,943	6,523	(D)	2,507	4,200	-	16,921
	1997	6,512	13,561	7,217	15	1,564	3,425	-	16,857
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	70	135	94	2	16	61	-	217
	1997	119	191	135	4	25	102	-	277
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	4,915	14,633	7,284	(D)	1,301	5,622	-	21,264
	1997	7,773	18,038	7,776	37	1,422	4,021	-	20,817
Tenants	farms, 2002	33	48	57	-	16	59	1	58
	1997	26	58	83	1	23	84	-	75
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	3,178	2,440	3,000	-	671	4,679	(D)	2,198
	1997	1,030	2,133	3,909	(D)	783	3,571	-	6,348
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	20	41	39	-	9	34	1	45
	1997	26	51	68	1	19	69	-	56
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	936	961	1,269	-	233	2,971	(D)	1,291
	1997	620	895	2,147	(D)	612	1,464	-	3,111
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	723	910	919	23	360	1,240	12	1,794
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		235	269	343	9	102	415	4	530
2 operators		188	205	160	2	78	326	4	459
3 operators		30	48	53	-	17	44	-	82
4 operators		4	15	19	1	4	6	-	17
5 or more operators		1	5	4	1	7	3	-	6
Total women operators	number	247	311	350	12	139	400	5	626
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		212	258	251	6	105	302	5	546
2 operators		13	14	48	3	17	43	-	35
3 operators		3	3	1	-	-	4	-	2
4 operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002	370	434	413	6	160	647	6	876
	1997	454	590	529	5	196	825	3	1,026
Male	acres, 2002	33,490	43,450	27,550	(D)	9,263	52,679	(D)	89,820
	1997	36,755	53,750	30,684	(D)	9,585	73,099	(D)	103,273
Female	farms, 2002	88	108	166	7	48	147	2	218
	1997	97	109	164	15	57	175	2	252
Female	acres, 2002	4,147	7,306	5,610	(D)	3,382	6,766	(D)	13,718
	1997	5,133	5,018	4,307	(D)	2,020	8,117	(D)	13,030
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002	231	276	322	6	97	497	2	574
	1997	250	329	351	19	118	572	3	594
Other	2002	227	266	257	7	111	297	6	520
	1997	301	370	342	1	135	428	2	684
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002	379	438	466	9	176	522	2	982
	1997	453	555	523	14	195	618	3	1,085
Not on farm operated	2002	79	104	113	4	32	272	6	112
	1997	82	99	136	6	47	318	1	135
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002	193	216	315	8	121	364	5	534
	1997	202	274	302	12	114	405	1	456
Any	2002	265	326	264	5	87	430	3	560
	1997	310	404	355	8	132	532	3	739
1 to 49 days	2002	30	34	38	1	19	70	1	63
	1997	19	48	51	3	6	73	-	64
50 to 99 days	2002	18	19	9	-	1	30	-	29
	1997	31	39	18	-	8	33	1	62
100 to 199 days	2002	20	56	30	-	10	46	-	87
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	197	217	187	4	57	284	2	381
	1997	223	262	225	-	105	318	-	508

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Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.							
Years on present farm ¹ :							
2 years or less	2002 172	12	6	26	1	19	27
	1997 259	8	14	23	4	11	9
3 or 4 years	2002 388	22	25	48	14	16	31
	1997 388	43	16	30	4	36	26
5 to 9 years	2002 1,073	95	60	78	31	72	105
	1997 916	53	66	88	14	73	80
10 years or more	2002 4,442	156	310	472	37	293	423
	1997 4,753	168	324	471	57	341	463
Average years on present farm	2002 20.1	16.0	21.2	19.8	13.4	19.8	21.1
	1997 20.0	15.2	20.5	20.0	16.2	20.8	21.1
Age group:							
Under 25 years	2002 29	-	-	10	5	-	3
	1997 37	-	3	4	-	-	3
25 to 34 years	2002 181	11	5	8	-	10	21
	1997 368	10	25	39	9	18	56
35 to 44 years	2002 1,171	61	60	124	8	74	114
	1997 1,513	88	109	129	24	103	145
45 to 54 years	2002 1,844	118	129	187	38	122	182
	1997 2,158	105	144	218	28	141	217
55 to 59 years	2002 857	28	61	83	19	47	90
	1997 823	25	44	81	8	93	66
60 to 64 years	2002 624	24	40	71	2	64	66
	1997 640	9	38	66	4	55	54
65 to 69 years	2002 446	18	33	43	3	33	35
	1997 561	14	39	62	6	44	45
70 years and over	2002 923	25	73	98	8	50	75
	1997 1,207	49	99	115	9	72	93
Average age	2002 54.9	52.8	56.3	54.9	52.4	55.0	54.1
	1997 54.2	52.7	54.6	54.6	50.2	54.8	52.2
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Family or individual	farms, 2002 5,020	227	337	516	53	326	497
	1997 6,023	232	443	577	66	430	581
	acres, 2002 351,800	4,234	47,249	26,510	(D)	19,689	51,218
	1997 385,281	2,998	49,703	27,956	2,196	21,545	58,878
Partnership	farms, 2002 376	15	27	40	9	26	60
	1997 521	20	31	52	6	38	66
	acres, 2002 63,415	663	9,680	3,476	(D)	2,223	15,179
	1997 72,089	1,144	9,996	5,970	(D)	3,346	13,928
Corporation:							
Family-held	farms, 2002 494	35	27	48	16	36	19
	1997 592	42	18	72	10	41	20
	acres, 2002 70,935	871	8,388	4,326	(D)	3,072	6,559
	1997 91,982	1,023	6,517	6,268	(D)	3,547	6,824
Other than family held	farms, 2002 65	2	7	13	2	2	2
	1997 75	2	6	6	1	8	5
	acres, 2002 7,953	(D)	1,456	928	(D)	(D)	(D)
	1997 8,425	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	81	608
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 120	6	3	7	3	10	8
	1997 96	4	3	7	5	9	7
	acres, 2002 24,467	(D)	1,857	845	(D)	(D)	(D)
	1997 19,860	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	713	883

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Item		Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	10	18	11	-	1	11	1	29
	1997	14	37	26	-	5	59	-	49
3 or 4 years	2002	29	30	43	-	13	61	2	54
	1997	28	28	49	2	16	62	-	48
5 to 9 years	2002	63	86	128	2	39	122	2	190
	1997	82	93	69	7	22	129	1	139
10 years or more	2002	356	408	397	11	155	600	3	821
	1997	363	438	455	10	180	614	3	866
Average years on present farm	2002	20.7	20.4	20.6	22.5	19.1	20.0	13.5	21.0
	1997	21.1	20.3	20.5	11.7	20.1	17.6	20.8	21.4
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	4	2	1	-	-	2	-	2
	1997	5	2	2	-	1	7	-	10
25 to 34 years	2002	15	26	15	-	2	32	-	36
	1997	24	43	35	1	11	61	-	36
35 to 44 years	2002	89	106	119	1	51	151	4	209
	1997	116	156	132	13	60	185	-	253
45 to 54 years	2002	144	188	158	6	43	224	1	304
	1997	155	215	197	3	70	304	2	359
55 to 59 years	2002	52	62	90	3	52	109	1	160
	1997	44	76	77	3	30	129	2	145
60 to 64 years	2002	45	51	53	1	18	92	1	96
	1997	47	43	70	-	19	107	-	128
65 to 69 years	2002	37	25	39	2	12	71	-	95
	1997	48	34	60	-	23	73	-	113
70 years and over	2002	72	82	104	-	30	113	1	192
	1997	112	130	120	-	39	134	1	234
Average age	2002	54.8	54.0	55.3	53.3	54.8	54.9	49.6	55.7
	1997	55.2	53.5	54.7	42.6	54.0	53.6	57.4	55.5
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	388	477	461	9	161	587	3	978
	1997	479	602	542	18	197	720	3	1,133
	acres, 2002	(D)	37,717	21,546	(D)	10,291	24,110	(D)	78,263
	1997	34,091	38,273	25,272	(D)	7,280	29,730	(D)	86,936
Partnership	farms, 2002	28	32	25	-	14	50	1	49
	1997	27	58	47	1	18	90	-	67
	acres, 2002	4,178	7,510	2,665	-	921	5,977	(D)	10,455
	1997	3,385	10,698	1,394	(D)	(D)	4,806	-	15,565
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	27	13	72	3	26	127	1	44
	1997	40	25	82	-	26	153	2	61
	acres, 2002	2,683	2,056	6,889	(D)	(D)	23,638	(D)	6,317
	1997	3,901	7,268	6,528	-	909	38,729	(D)	9,882
Other than family held	farms, 2002	10	6	4	-	3	10	-	4
	1997	1	4	15	1	4	18	-	4
	acres, 2002	1,230	477	248	-	(D)	2,351	-	(D)
	1997	(D)	(D)	680	(D)	(D)	3,930	-	393
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	5	14	17	1	4	20	3	19
	1997	4	10	7	-	8	19	-	13
	acres, 2002	(D)	2,996	1,812	(D)	(D)	3,369	4	(D)
	1997	(D)	(D)	1,117	-	1,257	4,021	-	3,527

¹ Data for 1997 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.