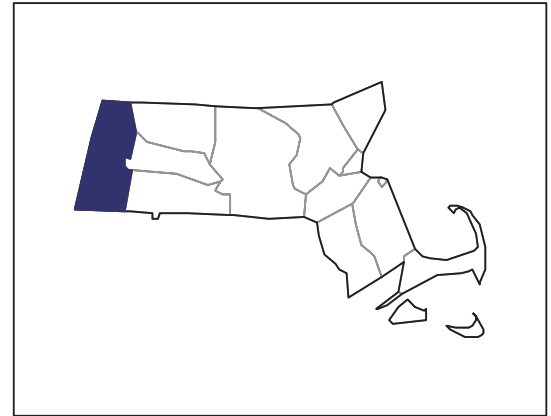


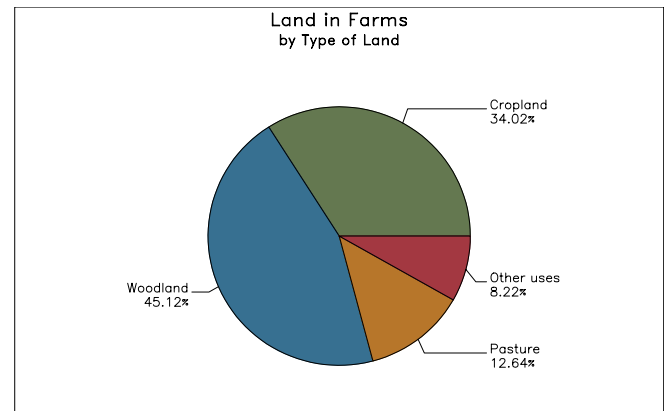
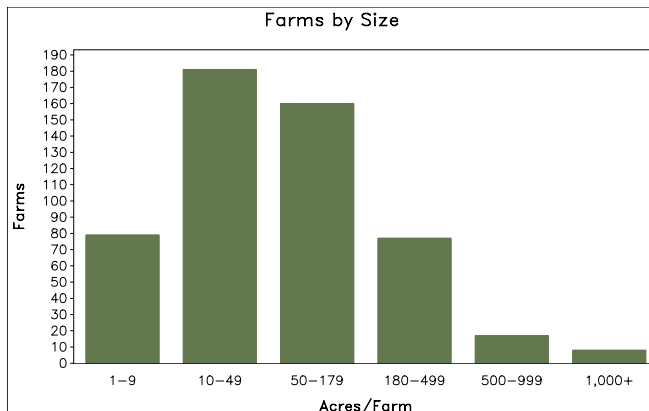
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Berkshire County Massachusetts



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	522	401	+ 30
Land in Farms	66,352 acres	68,630 acres	- 3
Average Size of Farm	127 acres	171 acres	- 26
Market Value of Products Sold	\$20,601,000	\$21,725,000	- 5
Crop Sales \$7,726,000 (38 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$12,875,000 (62 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$39,465	\$54,178	- 27
Government Payments	\$205,000	\$330,000	- 38
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,391	\$13,213	- 52



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Berkshire County – Massachusetts

Ranked items among the 14 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	20,601	9	14	2,235	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,726	11	14	2,009	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,875	4	14	1,869	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	286	2	9	2,268	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,159	10	14	557	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,204	12	13	421	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,614	11	14	709	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	175	6	11	268	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,288	5	13	1,276	3,054
Poultry and eggs	69	10	13	1,542	3,020
Cattle and calves	1,548	4	12	2,442	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	10,648	2	12	460	2,493
Hogs and pigs	51	7	12	1,590	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	132	6	12	886	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	201	9	13	1,105	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	9	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	225	3	12	637	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,263	2	13	1,368	3,060
Corn for silage	2,232	2	11	604	2,263
Vegetables harvested for sale	612	9	14	669	2,794
Corn for grain	532	2	9	2,038	2,634
Sweet corn	310	9	13	268	2,384
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,699	3	13	2,201	3,060
Layers	3,087	7	13	936	3,024
Mink and their pelts	(D)	1	1	74	123
Horses and ponies	1,390	7	14	947	3,066
Sheep and lambs	1,050	5	13	864	2,891

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	186	Farming	254
\$1,000 to \$2,499	58	Other	268
\$2,500 to \$4,999	72	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	Male	393
\$10,000 to \$19,999	43	Female	129
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	21	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	9	White	827
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	23,333	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	44,699	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	871		
Average per farm (\$)	1,669		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.