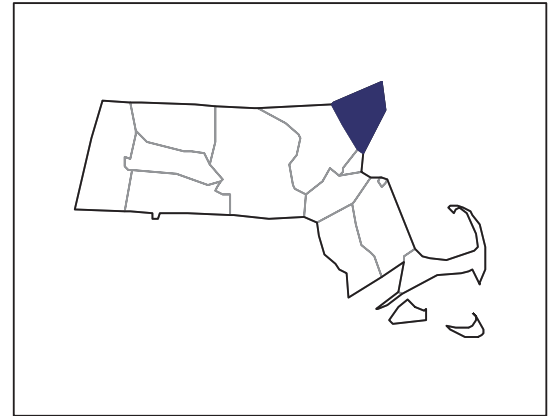


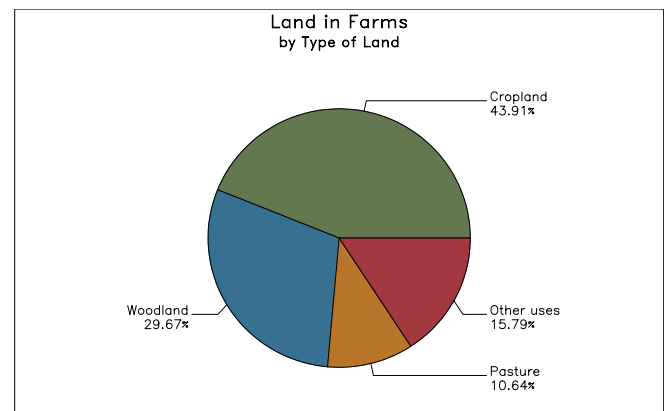
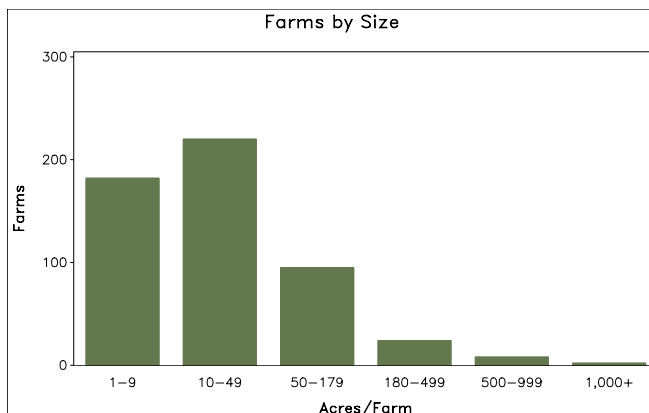
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Essex County Massachusetts



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	531	400	+ 33
Land in Farms	27,834 acres	27,856 acres	0
Average Size of Farm	52 acres	70 acres	- 26
Market Value of Products Sold	\$25,022,000	\$24,469,000	+ 2
Crop Sales \$18,990,000 (76 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,032,000 (24 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$47,122	\$61,173	- 23
Government Payments	\$276,000	\$166,000	+ 66
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$13,155	\$9,788	+ 34



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Essex 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	25,022	8	14	2,116	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,990	8	14	1,485	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,032	8	14	2,345	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	6	9	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,986	6	14	383	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,052	7	13	292	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	11,518	5	14	259	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	3	11	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	8	13	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	2	13	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	1,160	5	12	2,562	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,899	8	12	1,105	2,493
Hogs and pigs	42	8	12	1,660	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	131	7	12	893	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	787	2	13	282	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	7	9	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	104	8	12	981	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,866	7	13	2,049	3,060
Vegetables harvested for sale	1,069	6	14	505	2,794
Corn for silage	897	7	11	1,060	2,263
Sweet corn	521	6	13	180	2,384
Apples	379	4	12	111	2,144
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	7,573	1	12	303	2,371
Layers	4,305	5	13	822	3,024
Horses and ponies	2,284	4	14	436	3,066
Cattle and calves	2,238	8	13	2,758	3,060
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	2,627

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	199	Farming	240
\$1,000 to \$2,499	69	Other	291
\$2,500 to \$4,999	38	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Male	336
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Female	195
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	Black or African American	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	7	White	836
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	33,397	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	62,895	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	990		
Average per farm (\$)	1,864		

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.