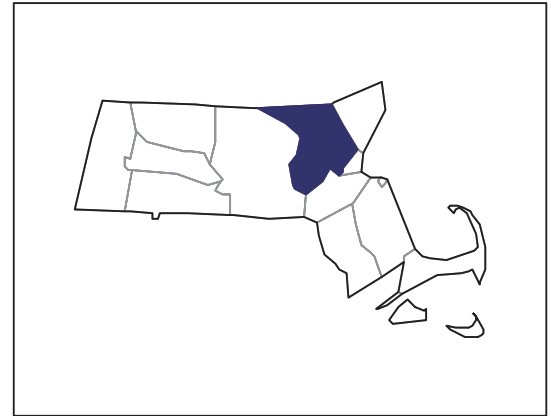


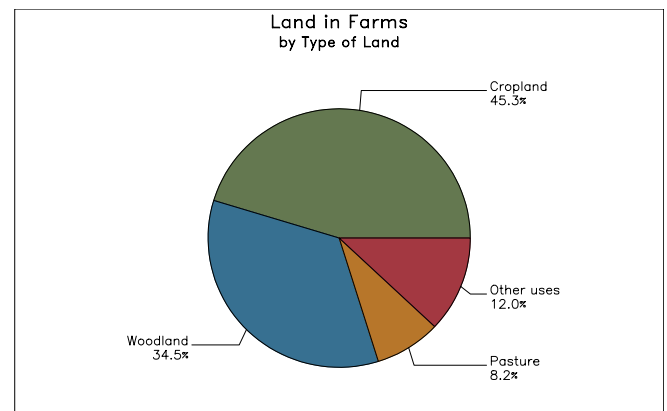
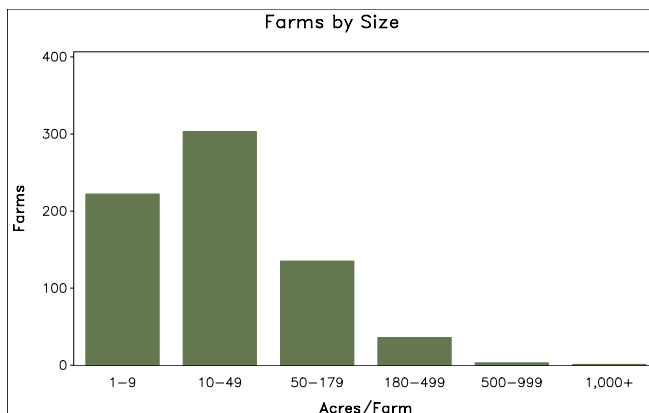
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Middlesex County Massachusetts



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	700	579	+ 21
Land in Farms	33,893 acres	33,160 acres	+ 2
Average Size of Farm	48 acres	57 acres	- 16
Market Value of Products Sold	\$81,708,000	\$65,915,000	+ 24
Crop Sales \$68,785,000 (84 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$12,923,000 (16 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$116,726	\$113,844	+ 3
Government Payments	(D)	\$267,000	
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	(D)	\$11,112	



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Middlesex 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	81,708	1	14	1,081	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	68,785	2	14	627	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,923	3	14	1,863	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	8	9	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,275	4	14	285	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,116	6	13	211	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	56,686	1	14	61	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	5	11	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,492	4	13	1,142	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	4	13	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	570	8	12	2,755	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,379	7	12	1,011	2,493
Hogs and pigs	454	3	12	1,067	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	3	12	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,771	1	13	99	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	9	9	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	6,668	2	12	23	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,117	5	13	1,910	3,060
Vegetables harvested for sale	1,511	5	14	411	2,794
Sweet corn	585	5	13	165	2,384
Corn for silage	501	8	11	1,333	2,263
Apples	500	3	12	92	2,144
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	10,626	3	13	705	3,024
Horses and ponies	2,908	2	14	281	3,066
Cattle and calves	2,739	6	13	2,692	3,060
Colonies of bees	2,090	2	12	301	2,640
Hogs and pigs	1,431	3	12	1,136	2,958

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	214	Farming	341
\$1,000 to \$2,499	98	Other	359
\$2,500 to \$4,999	82	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	66	Male	435
\$10,000 to \$19,999	64	Female	265
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	32	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27	Asian	26
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	Black or African American	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	26	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	25	White	1,058
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	76,365	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	109,092	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	32
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,757		
Average per farm (\$)	22,509		

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.