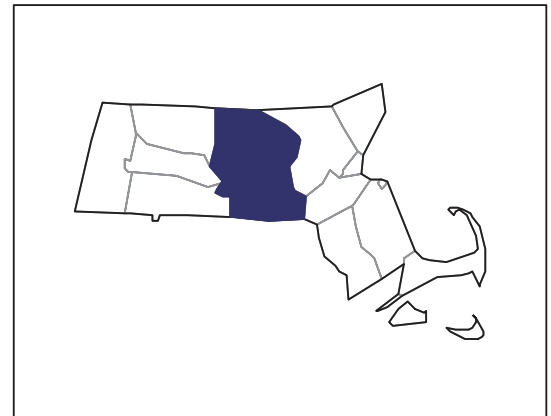


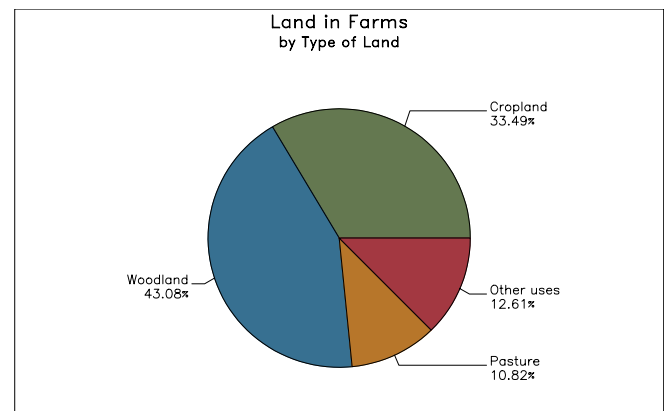
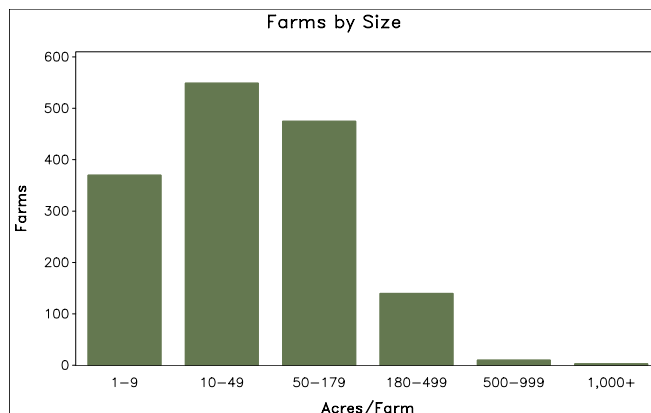
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## County Profile

### Worcester County Massachusetts



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,547	1,094	+ 41
<b>Land in Farms</b>	106,357 acres	103,538 acres	+ 3
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	69 acres	95 acres	- 27
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$80,550,000	\$68,574,000	+ 17
Crop Sales \$44,701,000 (55 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$35,849,000 (45 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$52,069	\$62,682	- 17
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$1,034,000	\$1,098,000	- 6
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,839	\$11,939	- 26



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	80,550	2	14	1,097	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	44,701	3	14	932	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	35,849	1	14	1,022	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	141	5	9	2,413	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,668	5	14	305	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	10,490	2	13	136	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	23,335	2	14	140	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	1	11	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	1	13	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	8,500	1	13	603	3,020
Cattle and calves	3,185	1	12	2,022	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	9,260	3	12	506	2,493
Hogs and pigs	558	2	12	1,018	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	1	12	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	3	13	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	70	8	9	731	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	1	12	11	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,417	1	13	945	3,060
Corn for silage	2,132	3	11	619	2,263
Apples	1,981	1	12	31	2,144
Vegetables harvested for sale	1,641	4	14	390	2,794
Cut Christmas trees	852	1	11	60	1,756
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	84,028	1	13	412	3,024
Cattle and calves	9,970	1	13	2,005	3,060
Horses and ponies	3,849	1	14	144	3,066
Goats, all	3,582	1	13	112	3,023
Sheep and lambs	3,102	1	13	342	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	526	Farming	690
\$1,000 to \$2,499	228	Other	857
\$2,500 to \$4,999	190		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	151	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	135	Male	1,078
\$20,000 to \$24,999	46	Female	469
\$25,000 to \$39,999	59		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	37	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	69		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	47	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$500,000 or more	26	Asian	12
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	75,585	Black or African American	12
Average per farm (\$)	48,859	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	2,351
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,673	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	8,192	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	27

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.