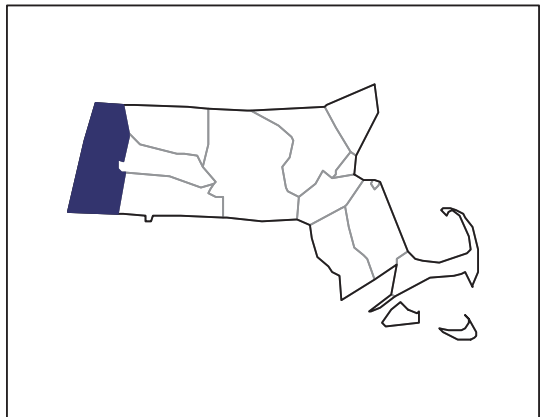


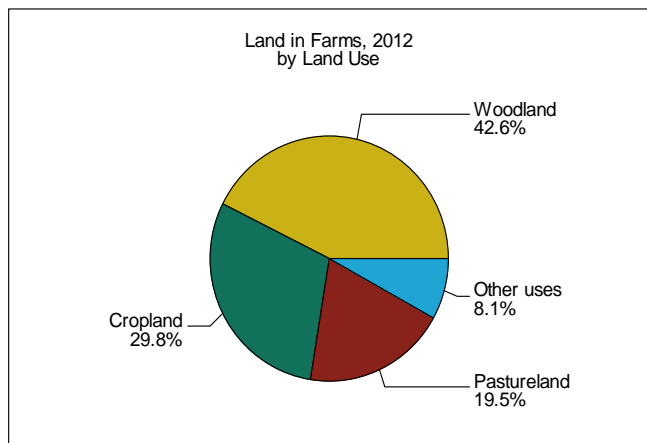
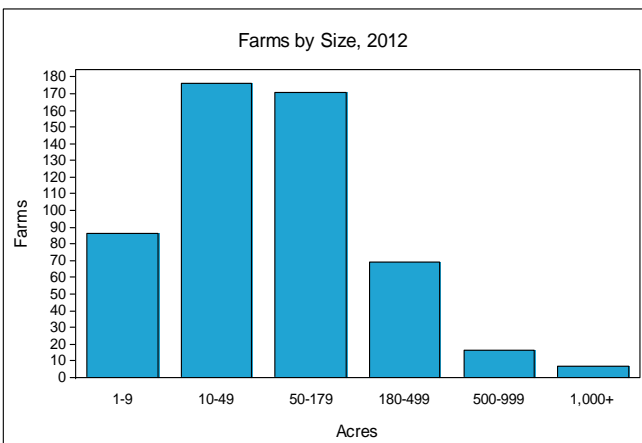
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Berkshire County Massachusetts

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	525	522	+ 1
Land in Farms	61,656 acres	66,352 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	117 acres	127 acres	- 8
Market Value of Products Sold	\$22,468,000	\$20,601,000	+ 9
Crop Sales \$10,140,000 (45 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$12,328,000 (55 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$42,797	\$39,465	+ 8
Government Payments	\$268,000	\$205,000	+ 31
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,474	\$6,391	- 14





Berkshire County – Massachusetts

Ranked items among the 14 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	22,468	9	14	2,313	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,140	9	14	2,089	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,328	3	14	1,969	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,126	3	11	2,203	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,276	10	14	758	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	708	11	13	585	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,047	10	14	507	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	81	8	12	339	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,902	2	13	1,005	3,049
Poultry and eggs	106	9	14	1,381	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,430	2	13	2,489	3,056
Milk from cows	10,053	1	12	495	2,038
Hogs and pigs	161	7	12	1,141	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	186	5	12	860	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	298	8	13	921	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	8	11	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	9	14	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,708	2	13	1,411	3,057
Corn for silage	2,577	1	10	651	2,237
Vegetables harvested, all	388	10	14	766	2,801
Corn for grain	(D)	3	10	(D)	2,638
Cut Christmas trees	148	10	11	343	1,557
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,328	1	13	2,166	3,063
Layers	4,424	7	14	850	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,484	7	13	732	3,072
Sheep and lambs	1,381	4	13	653	2,897
Hogs and pigs	922	6	13	1,062	2,889

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	215	Farming	268
\$1,000 to \$2,499	56	Other	257
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	Male	371
\$10,000 to \$19,999	49	Female	154
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	34	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	14	White	829
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,325	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	53,951	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-492		
Average per farm (\$)	-937		

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.