

**Table 1. County Summary Highlights: 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
Farms ..... number	7,755	333	525	717	88	522	780
Land in farms ..... acres	523,517	4,676	61,656	34,869	12,717	22,397	89,772
Average size of farm ..... acres	68	14	117	49	145	43	115
Median size of farm ..... acres	23	4	50	20	10	16	50
Estimated market value of land and buildings:							
Average per farm ..... dollars	704,071	500,691	824,923	709,223	1,416,198	893,350	700,144
Average per acre ..... dollars	10,430	35,657	7,024	14,584	9,800	20,821	6,083
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... \$1,000							
Average per farm ..... dollars	418,149	16,653	27,025	36,862	7,475	29,304	53,792
	53,948	50,009	51,475	51,411	84,945	56,138	68,965
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres .....	2,322	234	86	213	37	185	133
10 to 49 acres .....	2,913	72	176	321	36	222	252
50 to 179 acres .....	1,833	23	171	144	12	94	249
180 to 499 acres .....	574	4	69	34	1	16	120
500 to 999 acres .....	81	-	16	3	-	3	19
1,000 acres or more .....	32	-	7	2	2	2	7
Total cropland ..... farms	5,249	165	347	477	44	322	528
Harvested cropland ..... acres	160,789	1,543	18,381	11,879	(D)	9,183	22,499
Irrigated land ..... farms	4,834	143	320	426	43	271	487
	137,039	1,362	16,622	10,040	478	(D)	18,679
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	492,211	19,127	22,468	37,658	3,491	25,163	55,056
Average per farm ..... dollars	63,470	57,440	42,797	52,522	39,666	48,204	70,584
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	382,915	9,707	10,140	29,899	2,509	18,053	39,064
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	109,296	9,420	12,328	7,760	982	7,109	15,992
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500 .....	3,663	119	271	319	35	273	354
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	727	27	41	65	11	45	82
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	828	52	58	73	12	42	95
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	861	46	59	85	15	50	87
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	486	26	47	60	6	30	43
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	432	25	14	53	3	40	39
\$100,000 or more .....	758	38	35	62	6	42	80
Government payments ..... farms	780	25	49	91	3	21	128
	8,124	358	268	1,527	(D)	207	1,987
Total income from farm-related sources, gross before taxes and expenses (see text) ..... farms	2,716	91	191	246	25	165	356
	78,482	4,218	5,096	5,983	326	11,287	6,657
Total farm production expenses ..... \$1,000	539,319	23,363	28,325	44,306	7,120	42,290	61,694
Average per farm ..... dollars	69,545	70,160	53,951	61,793	80,915	81,016	79,095
Net cash farm income of operation (see text) ..... farms	7,755	333	525	717	88	522	780
	39,499	340	-492	863	-3,227	-5,633	2,005
Average per farm ..... dollars	5,093	1,021	-937	1,203	-36,665	-10,792	2,571
Principal operator by primary occupation:							
Farming ..... number	3,878	193	268	351	49	296	444
Other ..... number	3,877	140	257	366	39	226	336
Principal operator by days worked off farm:							
Any ..... number	5,019	218	320	457	58	337	494
200 days or more ..... number	3,070	112	172	297	45	149	307
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	1,423	12	138	172	16	54	210
Beef cows ..... farms	35,703	(D)	7,328	3,838	282	1,237	5,746
Milk cows ..... farms	849	6	84	115	10	27	119
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	6,240	(D)	803	866	55	248	806
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	278	6	32	17	2	14	48
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	12,500	(D)	2,892	1,057	(D)	403	2,335
Sheep and lambs inventory ..... farms	870	7	90	109	10	32	122
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	13,691	(D)	2,713	1,481	73	416	2,029
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	478	7	68	42	17	44	48
	11,151	53	922	1,698	246	978	254
	432	4	61	40	17	47	40
	23,536	42	1,372	3,061	440	1,199	521
	776	20	82	80	26	29	66
	12,504	204	1,381	1,280	412	(D)	1,402
	1,795	67	133	198	25	113	180
	153,925	2,651	4,424	7,362	2,265	4,397	8,516
	204	1	14	5	9	10	36
	80,913	(D)	8,150	2,150	11,012	5,108	4,094
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for grain ..... farms	56	-	4	4	1	2	10
	2,810	-	(D)	26	(D)	(D)	577
Corn for silage or greenchop ..... farms	401,986	-	(D)	2,556	(D)	(D)	(D)
	163	-	17	21	1	7	29
	11,872	-	2,577	1,527	(D)	549	2,337
	220,172	-	50,686	28,247	(D)	9,975	43,032
Wheat for grain, all ..... farms	7	-	2	2	-	-	1
	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)
	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)
Winter wheat for grain ..... farms	7	-	2	2	-	-	1
	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)
	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)
Spring wheat for grain ..... farms	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	(D)	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
	(D)	-	-	-	-	-	(D)

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Item	Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
Farms ..... number	582	799	739	20	245	825	20	1,560
Land in farms ..... acres	38,705	53,951	28,230	1,232	9,448	64,032	24	101,808
Average size of farm ..... acres	67	68	38	62	39	78	1	65
Median size of farm ..... acres	27	33	16	18	15	20	1	26
Estimated market value of land and buildings:								
Average per farm ..... dollars	488,323	544,950	730,976	1,642,174	936,186	893,369	245,989	609,428
Average per acre ..... dollars	7,343	8,071	19,135	26,659	24,277	11,510	204,991	9,338
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... \$1,000	26,618	42,524	37,381	419	11,733	54,271	154	73,938
Average per farm ..... dollars	45,735	53,221	50,584	20,938	47,889	65,783	7,700	47,518
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	134	190	272	8	93	264	20	453
10 to 49 acres .....	231	309	289	9	98	346	-	552
50 to 179 acres .....	159	218	152	1	46	159	-	405
180 to 499 acres .....	52	71	25	1	6	40	-	135
500 to 999 acres .....	6	11	1	1	2	7	-	12
1,000 acres or more .....	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	3
Total cropland ..... farms	382	557	535	11	148	599	17	1,117
Harvested cropland ..... acres	11,066	21,494	10,684	621	3,405	17,268	(D)	32,203
Irrigated land ..... farms	344	525	506	11	125	568	17	1,048
Irrigated land ..... acres	9,335	19,263	9,672	(D)	2,765	15,587	(D)	27,333
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	23,608	49,229	76,555	1,656	12,498	108,063	162	57,478
Average per farm ..... dollars	40,563	61,613	103,592	82,786	51,014	130,985	8,112	36,845
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	17,377	37,203	68,696	1,391	9,473	99,671	156	39,575
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	6,231	12,026	7,858	264	3,025	8,391	7	17,903
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500 .....	298	379	336	1	112	346	10	810
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	66	85	68	2	21	44	-	170
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	64	91	71	6	30	48	2	184
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	65	79	73	-	34	102	7	159
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	15	42	68	7	6	53	1	82
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	36	42	48	1	11	74	-	46
\$100,000 or more .....	38	81	75	3	31	158	-	109
Government payments ..... farms	53	95	69	-	17	102	-	127
Government payments ..... \$1,000	480	682	482	-	(D)	1,306	-	690
Total income from farm-related sources, gross before taxes and expenses (see text) ..... farms	193	301	245	8	84	295	2	514
Total income from farm-related sources, gross before taxes and expenses (see text) ..... \$1,000	2,103	3,440	11,170	(D)	3,051	12,966	(D)	12,023
Total farm production expenses ..... \$1,000	23,749	44,810	81,868	1,486	18,980	91,856	811	68,660
Average per farm ..... dollars	40,806	56,083	110,783	74,287	77,470	111,340	40,539	44,013
Net cash farm income of operation (see text) ..... farms	582	799	739	20	245	825	20	1,560
Net cash farm income of operation (see text) ..... \$1,000	2,442	8,540	6,339	325	-3,372	30,479	-642	1,532
Average per farm ..... dollars	4,195	10,689	8,578	16,245	-13,764	36,944	-32,107	982
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming ..... number	242	404	385	3	143	410	13	677
Other ..... number	340	395	354	17	102	415	7	883
Principal operator by days worked off farm:								
Any ..... number	360	531	477	10	149	550	14	1,044
200 days or more ..... number	250	320	291	9	102	289	5	722
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	135	176	62	1	40	67	-	340
Beef cows ..... farms	2,528	4,541	2,101	(D)	408	670	-	6,899
Milk cows ..... farms	73	91	51	-	23	47	-	203
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	335	680	495	-	(D)	197	-	1,619
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	21	48	7	-	1	10	-	72
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	1,066	1,677	810	-	(D)	196	-	1,882
Sheep and lambs inventory ..... farms	82	115	50	1	17	28	-	207
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	1,044	1,647	1,267	(D)	(D)	174	-	2,649
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	32	40	38	1	1	37	-	103
Poultry inventory ..... farms	15	46	556	(D)	(D)	1,035	-	3,127
Ducks and geese ..... farms	(D)	41	41	-	6	28	-	87
Sheep and lambs sold ..... farms	61	7,786	943	-	42	(D)	-	4,995
Layers ..... farms	781	65	76	1	17	62	-	191
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	137	1,961	1,196	(D)	309	674	-	2,723
Poultry ..... farms	4,119	179	143	2	62	142	1	413
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	7	6,398	9,301	(D)	1,737	4,693	(D)	97,946
Poultry ..... farms	(D)	16	25	-	6	16	-	59
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	(D)	15,827	6,896	-	361	(D)	-	15,814
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain ..... farms	2	19	7	-	-	3	-	4
Corn for grain ..... acres	(D)	1,472	164	-	-	(D)	-	71
Corn for grain ..... bushels	(D)	229,266	26,887	-	-	908	-	11,584
Corn for silage or greenchop ..... farms	17	16	15	-	-	4	-	36
Corn for silage or greenchop ..... acres	1,159	1,238	630	-	-	(D)	-	1,740
Corn for silage or greenchop ..... tons	21,397	22,855	12,550	-	-	(D)	-	29,212
Wheat for grain, all ..... farms	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Wheat for grain, all ..... acres	-	(D)	-	-	(D)	-	-	-
Wheat for grain, all ..... bushels	-	(D)	-	-	(D)	-	-	-
Winter wheat for grain ..... farms	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Winter wheat for grain ..... acres	-	(D)	-	-	(D)	-	-	-
Winter wheat for grain ..... bushels	-	(D)	-	-	(D)	-	-	-
Spring wheat for grain ..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spring wheat for grain ..... acres	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spring wheat for grain ..... bushels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
Selected crops harvested: - Con.							
Wheat for grain, all - Con.							
Durum wheat for grain ..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
acres	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
bushels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oats for grain ..... farms	5	-	1	-	-	-	-
acres	92	-	(D)	-	-	-	-
bushels	6,995	-	(D)	-	-	-	-
Barley for grain ..... farms	9	-	1	-	-	-	1
acres	(D)	-	(D)	-	-	-	(D)
bushels	(D)	-	(D)	-	-	-	(D)
Sorghum for grain ..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
acres	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
bushels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sorghum for silage or greenchop ..... farms	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
acres	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	-
tons	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	-
Soybeans for beans ..... farms	10	-	-	1	-	-	-
acres	751	-	-	(D)	-	-	-
bushels	32,722	-	-	(D)	-	-	-
Dry edible beans, excluding limas ..... farms	8	-	3	-	-	1	1
acres	28	-	3	-	-	(D)	(D)
cwt	669	-	54	-	-	(D)	(D)
Cotton, all ..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
acres	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
bales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tobacco ..... farms	22	-	-	-	-	-	5
acres	413	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
pounds	621,181	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Forage - land used for all hay and all haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) ..... farms	2,200	7	202	205	18	104	283
acres	76,519	(D)	12,708	4,951	362	3,404	9,795
tons, dry	167,667	(D)	33,903	10,729	475	7,340	20,196
Rice ..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
acres	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
pounds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ..... farms	1,404	46	86	124	7	84	156
acres	17,770	138	388	1,659	(D)	850	4,002
Potatoes ..... farms	437	16	41	27	5	38	39
acres	3,898	7	14	15	(D)	24	1,121
Sweet potatoes ..... farms	64	5	1	6	-	4	11
acres	17	1	(D)	2	-	1	3
Land in orchards ..... farms	456	26	22	43	5	23	56
acres	4,146	40	113	262	4	205	426

  

Item	Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
Selected crops harvested: - Con.								
Wheat for grain, all - Con.								
Durum wheat for grain ..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
acres	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
bushels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oats for grain ..... farms	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
acres	-	(D)	-	-	-	-	-	-
bushels	-	(D)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley for grain ..... farms	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
acres	-	64	-	-	-	-	-	-
bushels	-	1,299	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sorghum for grain ..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
acres	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
bushels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sorghum for silage or greenchop ..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
acres	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
tons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soybeans for beans ..... farms	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	1
acres	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	-	-	(D)
bushels	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	-	-	(D)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas ..... farms	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
acres	-	-	(D)	-	-	(D)	-	-
cwt	-	-	(D)	-	-	(D)	-	-
Cotton, all ..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
acres	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
bales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tobacco ..... farms	7	9	-	-	-	-	-	1
acres	329	62	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
pounds	472,687	110,672	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Forage - land used for all hay and all haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) ..... farms	184	270	191	2	36	129	-	569
acres	5,545	9,482	5,491	(D)	1,543	2,399	-	20,754
tons, dry	10,792	18,020	11,635	(D)	2,759	3,650	-	48,042
Rice ..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
acres	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
pounds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ..... farms	92	153	200	7	44	82	8	315
acres	1,055	5,163	1,561	(D)	522	776	10	1,457
Potatoes ..... farms	15	49	72	2	28	27	-	78
acres	17	2,565	63	(D)	22	18	-	22
Sweet potatoes ..... farms	4	21	1	-	3	-	5	3
acres	(Z)	7	(D)	-	(D)	-	1	1
Land in orchards ..... farms	35	34	52	-	9	26	-	125
acres	200	330	550	-	96	170	-	1,750