

Table 45. Selected Operation and Operator Characteristics: 2012 and 2007

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Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
FARMS							
Land in farmsfarms, 2012	7,755	333	525	717	88	522	780
.....2007	7,691	406	522	777	81	531	741
.....acres, 2012	523,517	4,676	61,656	34,869	12,717	22,397	89,772
.....2007	517,879	5,233	66,352	39,252	7,916	27,834	79,465
Harvested croplandfarms, 2012	4,834	143	320	426	43	271	487
.....2007	4,792	143	321	459	40	322	500
.....acres, 2012	137,039	1,362	16,622	10,040	478	(D)	18,679
.....2007	153,993	1,484	18,318	12,412	(D)	9,909	20,132
TENURE							
Full ownersfarms, 2012	5,754	202	367	554	51	412	542
.....2007	5,647	207	344	611	52	412	506
.....acres, 2012	333,637	(D)	31,704	21,421	11,636	14,288	49,099
.....2007	298,591	2,904	35,914	22,458	6,642	16,056	36,039
Harvested croplandfarms, 2012	3,418	120	207	304	22	189	302
.....2007	3,293	107	180	311	23	232	301
.....acres, 2012	52,348	657	3,376	3,931	118	2,024	5,200
.....2007	54,765	682	4,478	4,417	(D)	4,201	4,412
Part ownersfarms, 2012	1,202	34	106	103	19	70	189
.....2007	1,373	42	146	125	16	68	197
.....acres, 2012	167,241	(D)	27,571	10,086	709	7,604	37,047
.....2007	193,496	1,681	28,783	12,942	(D)	10,532	38,426
Owned land in farmsacres, 2012	101,596	(D)	16,666	4,946	344	3,818	25,892
.....2007	115,070	991	16,914	7,553	(D)	5,451	26,325
Rented land in farmsacres, 2012	65,645	(D)	10,905	5,140	365	3,786	11,155
.....2007	78,426	690	11,869	5,389	(D)	5,081	12,101
Harvested croplandfarms, 2012	940	16	83	91	15	58	155
.....2007	1,146	26	118	115	12	60	168
.....acres, 2012	75,198	666	12,043	5,244	(D)	3,268	12,581
.....2007	88,146	772	13,096	6,255	(D)	5,196	14,153
Tenantsfarms, 2012	799	97	52	60	18	40	49
.....2007	671	157	32	41	13	51	38
.....acres, 2012	22,639	(D)	2,381	3,362	372	505	3,626
.....2007	25,792	648	1,655	3,852	(D)	1,246	5,000
Harvested croplandfarms, 2012	476	7	30	31	6	24	30
.....2007	353	10	23	33	5	30	31
.....acres, 2012	9,493	39	1,203	865	(D)	(D)	898
.....2007	11,082	30	744	1,740	(D)	512	1,567
2012 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators number	12,595	543	851	1,142	143	866	1,303
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	3,937	185	245	387	51	262	349
2 operators	3,116	116	248	269	22	196	364
3 operators	518	16	19	42	13	48	48
4 operators	124	10	12	11	1	12	14
5 or more operators	60	6	1	8	1	4	5
Total women operators number	5,243	207	370	446	83	380	555
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	4,110	172	313	344	52	262	441
2 operators	394	7	18	38	2	35	45
3 operators	89	7	7	6	9	12	8
4 operators	9	-	-	2	-	3	-
5 or more operators	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
2007 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators number	12,265	622	860	1,223	138	869	1,216
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	4,075	238	268	423	40	267	342
2 operators	2,940	135	202	281	33	210	341
3 operators	480	21	23	57	4	37	46
4 operators	158	11	26	13	2	14	9
5 or more operators	38	1	3	3	2	3	3
Total women operators number	4,834	221	332	419	74	391	465
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	3,888	178	260	372	52	282	378
2 operators	378	20	36	19	8	41	36
3 operators	41	1	-	3	2	1	5
4 operators	13	-	-	-	-	6	-
5 or more operators	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Malefarms, 2012	5,248	233	371	523	47	326	513
.....2007	5,465	309	393	595	45	336	546
.....acres, 2012	428,919	3,654	52,794	29,621	(D)	17,275	65,928
.....2007	432,956	4,567	56,361	34,032	(D)	23,448	65,497
Femalefarms, 2012	2,507	100	154	194	41	196	267
.....2007	2,226	97	129	182	36	195	195
.....acres, 2012	94,598	1,022	8,862	5,248	(D)	5,122	23,844
.....2007	84,923	666	9,991	5,220	(D)	4,386	13,968
Primary occupation:							
Farming2012	3,878	193	268	351	49	296	444
.....2007	3,688	217	254	368	37	240	350
Other2012	3,877	140	257	366	39	226	336
.....2007	4,003	189	268	409	44	291	391
Place of residence:							
On farm operated2012	6,038	183	434	581	52	402	667
.....2007	6,093	176	432	670	52	431	651
Not on farm operated2012	1,717	150	91	136	36	120	113
.....2007	1,598	230	90	107	29	100	90

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Item	Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
FARMS								
Land in farms farms, 2012	582	799	739	20	245	825	20	1,560
..... 2007	508	711	700	14	264	882	7	1,547
..... acres, 2012	38,705	53,951	28,230	1,232	9,448	64,032	24	101,808
..... 2007	36,841	52,756	33,893	615	11,654	49,612	99	106,357
Harvested cropland farms, 2012	344	525	506	11	125	568	17	1,048
..... 2007	340	482	452	14	147	592	6	974
..... acres, 2012	9,335	19,263	9,672	(D)	2,765	15,587	(D)	27,333
..... 2007	10,219	19,834	12,010	399	2,569	15,909	(D)	30,065
TENURE								
Full owners farms, 2012	477	544	483	18	191	674	12	1,227
..... 2007	364	485	497	9	221	706	7	1,226
..... acres, 2012	27,033	29,976	16,481	(D)	6,629	50,892	15	70,237
..... 2007	22,692	26,558	17,344	513	8,505	33,538	99	69,329
Harvested cropland farms, 2012	270	345	316	10	92	477	9	755
..... 2007	224	305	290	9	121	471	6	713
..... acres, 2012	4,000	5,067	3,744	368	1,313	10,670	11	11,869
..... 2007	3,648	5,203	4,123	360	1,605	8,561	(D)	12,878
Part owners farms, 2012	68	182	103	1	31	85	-	211
..... 2007	92	181	117	2	25	101	-	261
..... acres, 2012	10,143	20,538	9,343	(D)	2,382	10,848	-	29,619
..... 2007	12,583	24,282	12,541	(D)	2,791	13,827	-	34,052
Owned land in farms acres, 2012	6,163	11,652	5,135	(D)	737	7,540	-	18,005
..... 2007	7,267	13,622	6,249	(D)	1,032	7,742	-	21,308
Rented land in farms acres, 2012	3,980	8,886	4,208	(D)	1,645	3,308	-	11,614
..... 2007	5,316	10,660	6,292	(D)	1,759	6,085	-	12,744
Harvested cropland farms, 2012	58	130	69	1	25	61	-	178
..... 2007	78	145	101	2	21	83	-	217
..... acres, 2012	4,992	11,532	4,907	(D)	1,416	4,002	-	14,316
..... 2007	5,733	13,606	6,880	(D)	942	6,085	-	14,955
Tenants farms, 2012	37	73	153	1	23	66	8	122
..... 2007	52	45	86	3	18	75	-	60
..... acres, 2012	1,529	3,437	2,406	(D)	437	2,292	9	1,952
..... 2007	1,566	1,916	4,008	(D)	358	2,247	-	2,976
Harvested cropland farms, 2012	16	50	121	-	8	30	8	115
..... 2007	38	32	61	3	5	38	-	44
..... acres, 2012	343	2,664	1,021	-	36	915	(D)	1,148
..... 2007	838	1,025	1,007	(D)	22	1,263	-	2,232
2012 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS								
Total operators number	966	1,260	1,250	24	385	1,305	37	2,520
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator	294	410	357	17	128	460	11	781
2 operators	224	333	310	2	97	300	1	634
3 operators	49	44	52	1	17	38	8	123
4 operators	8	8	11	-	3	17	-	17
5 or more operators	7	4	9	-	-	10	-	5
Total women operators number	353	504	607	11	162	452	23	1,090
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator	266	418	434	11	144	356	3	894
2 operators	22	35	58	-	9	37	1	87
3 operators	13	4	6	-	-	5	6	6
4 operators	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1
5 or more operators	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	-
2007 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS								
Total operators number	829	1,128	1,154	25	416	1,348	9	2,428
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator	244	370	381	6	150	517	5	824
2 operators	211	285	237	6	88	303	2	606
3 operators	49	36	62	1	18	42	-	84
4 operators	4	20	12	1	6	12	-	28
5 or more operators	-	-	8	-	2	8	-	5
Total women operators number	319	409	516	8	194	485	5	996
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator	275	368	355	6	146	374	5	837
2 operators	13	16	58	1	19	46	-	65
3 operators	6	3	7	-	2	3	-	8
4 operators	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Sex of operator:								
Male farms, 2012	427	573	402	9	152	612	13	1,047
..... 2007	373	525	435	11	168	647	4	1,078
..... acres, 2012	32,657	45,275	19,722	(D)	6,511	58,935	(D)	83,531
..... 2007	31,046	43,398	26,891	(D)	7,283	44,897	(D)	87,616
Female farms, 2012	155	226	337	11	93	213	7	513
..... 2007	135	186	265	3	96	235	3	469
..... acres, 2012	6,048	8,676	8,508	(D)	2,937	5,097	(D)	18,277
..... 2007	5,795	9,358	7,002	(D)	4,371	4,715	(D)	18,741
Primary occupation:								
Farming 2012	242	404	385	3	143	410	13	677
..... 2007	226	358	341	12	126	464	5	690
Other 2012	340	395	354	17	102	415	7	883
..... 2007	282	353	359	2	138	418	2	857
Place of residence:								
On farm operated 2012	475	635	546	16	190	566	2	1,289
..... 2007	415	581	550	5	219	562	5	1,344
Not on farm operated 2012	107	164	193	4	55	259	18	271
..... 2007	93	130	150	9	45	320	2	203

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Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.							
Days worked off farm:							
None2012	2,736	115	205	260	30	185	286
2007	2,418	93	190	267	23	169	220
Any2012	5,019	218	320	457	58	337	494
2007	5,273	313	332	510	58	362	521
1 to 49 days2012	743	45	51	90	1	52	60
2007	799	44	30	75	8	55	81
50 to 99 days2012	447	14	38	12	10	57	70
2007	437	36	27	25	10	41	24
100 to 199 days2012	759	47	59	58	2	79	57
2007	780	85	60	46	10	59	87
200 days or more2012	3,070	112	172	297	45	149	307
2007	3,257	148	215	364	30	207	329
Years on present farm:							
2 years or less2012	328	2	21	41	5	14	29
2007	326	6	20	33	1	27	38
3 or 4 years2012	507	21	46	28	10	25	38
2007	442	37	24	15	1	43	49
5 to 9 years2012	1,119	49	59	97	7	79	120
2007	1,249	104	73	87	11	67	145
10 years or more2012	5,801	261	399	551	66	404	593
2007	5,674	259	405	642	68	394	509
Average years on present farm2012	21.6	19.3	23.3	23.1	21.8	22.3	21.4
2007	21.2	16.6	23.4	23.1	22.2	20.9	20.6
Years operating any farm (see text):							
2 years or less2012	223	2	14	22	5	11	6
2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 years2012	433	21	39	21	9	25	32
2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 years2012	993	45	54	90	7	60	106
2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 years or more2012	6,106	265	418	584	67	426	636
2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average years on any farm2012	23.6	20.7	25.3	24.9	23.6	24.5	23.8
2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:							
Under 25 years2012	60	-	4	9	-	2	-
2007	49	4	6	2	-	-	14
25 to 34 years2012	359	3	23	33	3	32	50
2007	292	20	13	19	-	26	43
35 to 44 years2012	655	33	23	53	3	21	52
2007	972	47	55	87	8	46	105
45 to 54 years2012	1,933	95	139	146	18	107	203
2007	2,237	171	131	196	21	141	203
55 to 59 years2012	1,283	76	91	98	17	94	127
2007	1,164	72	65	100	15	101	121
60 to 64 years2012	1,132	47	67	115	12	92	114
2007	1,063	45	92	142	24	83	92
65 to 69 years2012	933	33	82	127	22	66	80
2007	767	20	69	95	3	60	81
70 years and over2012	1,400	46	96	136	13	108	154
2007	1,147	27	91	136	10	74	82
Average age2012	57.8	57.6	58.7	59.0	59.6	59.2	57.9
2007	56.3	52.7	58.3	58.4	58.5	56.9	54.4
INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)							
Internet access2012	6,207	252	429	519	74	457	610
2007	5,162	322	325	433	51	392	513
Dial-up servicefarms, 2012	341	28	51	18	5	5	78
DSL servicefarms, 2012	1,417	59	189	89	19	88	186
Cable modem servicefarms, 2012	3,104	154	158	354	43	200	184
Fiber-optic servicefarms, 2012	766	8	1	19	-	111	8
Mobile broadband plan for computer or cell phonefarms, 2012	776	55	71	68	6	72	78
Satellite servicefarms, 2012	384	10	31	20	1	24	104
Broadband over Power Lines (BPL)farms, 2012	235	13	17	7	-	23	20
Other Internet servicefarms, 2012	63	-	6	5	-	11	4
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)							
Operation with over 50 percent ownership interest held by operator and/or persons related to operator by blood/marriage/adoptionfarms, 2012	7,362	318	501	676	77	493	762
acres, 2012	469,987	4,453	56,832	31,203	12,369	20,864	87,278
Limited Liability Corporationfarms, 2012	475	24	33	49	4	41	50
acres, 2012	42,611	766	5,332	2,959	(D)	1,706	8,353
OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES (SEE TEXT)							
Family or individualfarms, 2012	6,168	254	444	594	59	393	671
2007	6,318	326	422	661	61	419	645
acres, 2012	(D)	3,023	40,561	(D)	1,103	14,769	65,040
2007	349,617	3,442	40,801	28,845	(D)	19,055	55,371
Partnershipfarms, 2012	583	15	46	56	2	22	70
2007	574	33	55	47	7	36	61
acres, 2012	(D)	436	11,490	(D)	(D)	1,218	13,980
2007	69,149	929	12,216	2,987	485	2,176	15,497
Corporation:							
Family-heldfarms, 2012	578	35	21	46	17	48	22
2007	566	32	24	56	7	37	23
acres, 2012	82,550	910	6,054	6,054	(D)	2,688	8,858
2007	68,774	591	7,971	5,734	(D)	3,379	(D)
Other than family heldfarms, 2012	141	14	-	7	2	11	5
2007	75	4	3	6	2	15	2
acres, 2012	23,250	97	-	714	(D)	325	234
2007	8,110	24	84	1,337	(D)	209	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.farms, 2012	285	15	14	14	8	48	12
2007	158	11	18	7	4	24	10
acres, 2012	(D)	210	3,551	2,060	(D)	3,397	1,660
2007	22,229	247	5,280	349	(D)	3,015	(D)

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Item	Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester	
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Days worked off farm:									
None	2012	222	268	262	10	96	275	6	516
	2007	159	197	260	4	73	297	4	462
Any	2012	360	531	477	10	149	550	14	1,044
	2007	349	514	440	10	191	585	3	1,085
1 to 49 days	2012	45	88	79	1	16	85	2	128
	2007	51	86	92	1	33	82	-	161
50 to 99 days	2012	47	29	35	-	15	55	7	58
	2007	38	25	47	1	13	73	-	77
100 to 199 days	2012	18	94	72	-	16	121	-	136
	2007	44	87	49	2	19	71	-	161
200 days or more	2012	250	320	291	9	102	289	5	722
	2007	216	316	252	6	126	359	3	686
Years on present farm:									
2 years or less	2012	24	40	52	-	3	20	1	76
	2007	40	21	36	-	14	24	-	66
3 or 4 years	2012	57	52	82	1	6	37	8	96
	2007	23	62	32	-	6	44	-	106
5 to 9 years	2012	80	133	94	8	24	106	8	255
	2007	88	127	121	2	54	140	1	229
10 years or more	2012	421	574	511	11	212	662	3	1,133
	2007	357	501	511	12	190	674	6	1,146
Average years on present farm	2012	20.7	19.6	21.0	16.4	23.1	22.8	8.5	21.7
	2007	21.2	20.1	20.7	20.6	19.4	21.4	19.9	21.9
Years operating any farm (see text):									
2 years or less	2012	17	24	38	-	3	12	-	69
	2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 years	2012	60	35	63	1	6	29	7	85
	2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 years	2012	81	114	101	8	22	85	6	214
	2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 years or more	2012	424	626	537	11	214	699	7	1,192
	2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average years on any farm	2012	22.2	22.6	22.7	18.3	24.9	24.8	11.4	23.6
	2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2012	24	8	2	-	-	5	-	6
	2007	4	4	4	-	-	6	-	5
25 to 34 years	2012	20	43	67	-	4	16	12	53
	2007	17	47	22	3	14	21	-	47
35 to 44 years	2012	61	76	66	-	25	94	4	144
	2007	67	79	99	2	49	126	-	202
45 to 54 years	2012	139	186	193	8	83	209	1	406
	2007	144	229	198	1	74	257	4	467
55 to 59 years	2012	84	133	125	3	35	124	1	275
	2007	73	110	114	4	32	116	-	241
60 to 64 years	2012	91	128	88	2	21	114	-	241
	2007	70	70	89	2	45	117	2	190
65 to 69 years	2012	69	56	72	6	37	100	1	182
	2007	43	75	63	-	18	92	-	148
70 years and over	2012	94	169	126	1	40	163	1	253
	2007	90	97	111	2	32	147	1	247
Average age	2012	56.4	57.6	56.5	58.0	57.7	58.2	39.7	57.9
	2007	56.6	55.6	56.2	51.9	54.8	56.4	58.1	56.5
INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)									
Internet access	2012	433	628	628	17	200	651	17	1,292
	2007	348	480	533	12	171	597	4	981
Dial-up service	farms, 2012	15	25	35	6	8	15	-	52
DSL service	farms, 2012	90	189	84	2	34	74	-	314
Cable modem service	farms, 2012	271	338	279	9	101	319	12	682
Fiber-optic service	farms, 2012	3	19	241	-	56	205	1	94
Mobile broadband plan for computer or cell phone	farms, 2012	33	67	73	-	33	113	1	106
Satellite service	farms, 2012	29	13	21	-	2	14	-	115
Broadband over Power Lines (BPL)	farms, 2012	25	29	23	-	25	16	6	31
Other Internet service	farms, 2012	1	18	5	-	-	7	-	6
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)									
Operation with over 50 percent ownership interest held by operator and/or persons related to operator by blood/marriage/adoption									
	farms, 2012	572	754	681	18	226	745	10	1,529
	acres, 2012	37,132	49,410	25,639	403	7,992	43,159	12	93,241
Limited Liability Corporation	farms, 2012	24	43	52	-	18	59	2	76
	acres, 2012	2,434	4,097	2,627	-	713	4,730	(D)	8,740
OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES (SEE TEXT)									
Family or individual	farms, 2012	484	633	537	16	160	569	10	1,344
	2007	429	603	548	8	199	647	5	1,345
	acres, 2012	28,739	33,465	17,232	(D)	4,819	(D)	12	(D)
	2007	30,210	36,735	(D)	(D)	(D)	23,610	(D)	79,562
Partnership	farms, 2012	50	74	55	1	14	63	1	114
	2007	38	58	43	-	25	71	-	100
	acres, 2012	5,623	9,519	2,909	(D)	1,438	5,613	(D)	13,394
	2007	3,870	7,985	1,891	-	1,461	4,927	-	14,725
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2012	29	53	68	2	36	125	-	76
	2007	35	29	80	5	23	134	-	81
	acres, 2012	3,251	8,779	5,285	(D)	1,293	18,535	-	9,287
	2007	2,415	5,402	6,240	286	1,925	13,818	-	7,798
Other than family held	farms, 2012	3	14	33	1	21	24	3	3
	2007	2	4	2	1	12	16	1	5
	acres, 2012	(D)	465	1,324	(D)	866	(D)	3	(D)
	2007	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	166	5,176	(D)	42
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.									
	farms, 2012	16	25	46	-	14	44	6	23
	2007	4	17	27	-	5	14	1	16
	acres, 2012	(D)	1,723	1,480	-	1,032	(D)	(D)	(D)
	2007	(D)	(D)	3,148	-	(D)	2,081	(D)	4,230