

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Hampden, Massachusetts

### Number of farms

458 farms in 2002, 551 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Land in farms

37,637 acres in 2002, 41,888 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Average size of farm

82 acres in 2002, 76 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$23,686,000 in 2002, \$29,797,000 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$20,197,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,489,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

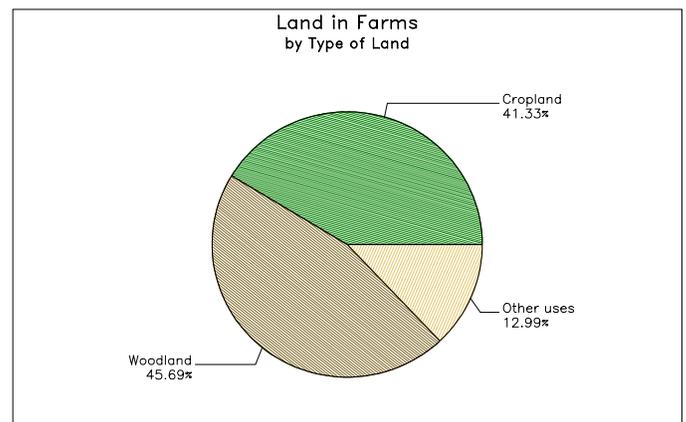
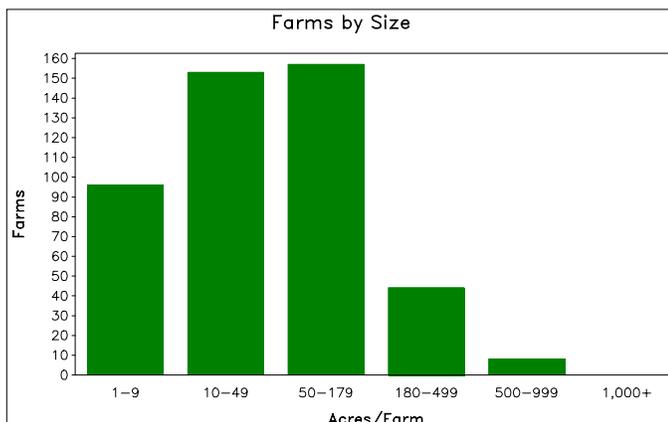
\$51,717 in 2002, \$54,078 in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Government Payments

\$180,000 in 2002, \$59,000 in 1997, up 205 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,466 in 2002, \$2,963 in 1997, up 84 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 14 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

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	23,686	8	14	1,937	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	20,197	7	14	1,158	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,489	9	13	2,513	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	64	7	9	2,485	2,871
Tobacco	7,069	1	3	67	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,324	9	14	663	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,030	9	14	349	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	9,552	6	14	272	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	317	2	11	169	1,774
Other crops and hay	840	7	13	1,411	3,046
Poultry and eggs	56	10	12	1,435	2,918
Cattle and calves	368	7	12	2,807	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,681	6	10	883	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	12	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	51	7	12	1,241	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	84	9	13	1,927	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	102	8	11	846	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,725	7	13	2,736	3,059
Horses and ponies	939	8	14	1,370	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	634	6	12	1,035	2,599
Sheep and lambs	568	7	12	1,366	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,482	6	13	2,121	3,059
Corn for silage	1,574	6	11	873	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	887	7	14	473	2,710
Apples	491	3	12	107	2,173
Cut Christmas trees	405	2	11	228	1,877

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	137	Farming	231
\$1,000 to \$2,499	83	Other	227
\$2,500 to \$4,999	67	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Male	370
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30	Female	88
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	White	713
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	25	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	11	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	20,768	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	45,247	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	25
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,450		
Average per farm (\$)	7,516		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.