

## 2002 Census of Agriculture Congressional District Profile

Correction issued January 2005. See Economic Characteristics table.

### District 6, Massachusetts

**Number of farms:** 366

**Land in farms:** 24,873 acres

**Average size of farm:** 68 acres

**Irrigated Land:** 525 acres

**Total Number of Farm Operators:** 594

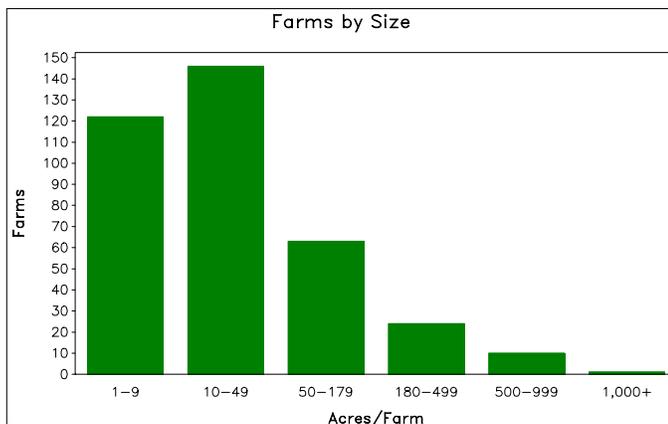
**Market Value of Production:** \$27,513,000

**Market Value of Production, average per farm:** \$75,172

**Government Payments:** \$146,000

**Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments:** \$12,138

**Gross Income from Farm Related Sources:** \$3,584,000



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United States Department of Agriculture, New England Agricultural Statistics Service**

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**Ranked items among the 10 congressional districts in the state, and among the 435 congressional districts in the U.S., 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	27,513	7	10	326	418
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) <sup>2</sup></b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	92	4	7	328	371
Tobacco	-	-	2	-	106
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	111
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,545	7	9	291	398
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,113	6	10	257	403
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	16,007	5	10	239	415
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	184	3	9	195	349
Poultry and eggs	211	4	9	275	382
Cattle and calves	259	6	9	336	389
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,133	5	8	274	339
Hogs and pigs	47	7	9	298	372
Sheep, goats, and their products	47	6	9	286	380
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	233	7	10	326	398
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	8	(D)	321
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	6,193	3	9	257	387
Turkeys	1,873	5	9	112	356
Cattle and calves	1,841	6	9	334	394
Horses and ponies	1,429	6	10	308	408
Ducks	447	6	9	233	363
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,798	6	9	303	391
All Vegetables harvested	939	7	9	258	398
Corn for silage	654	6	9	258	330
Sweet corn	518	6	9	153	368
Cut Christmas trees	267	4	9	179	343

**Other Congressional District Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	130
\$1,000 to \$2,499	57
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31
\$10,000 to \$19,999	21
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999 <sup>3</sup>	14
\$40,000 to \$49,999 <sup>3</sup>	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10
\$500,000 or more	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) <sup>3</sup>	24,541
Average per farm (\$) <sup>3</sup>	66,328
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,386
Average per farm (\$)	22,666

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	187
Other	179
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	256
Female	110
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
All operators <sup>4</sup> by race:	
White	577
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	3
More than one race	1
All operators <sup>4</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	15

(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 congressional districts in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Categories are not comprehensive and will not sum to total.

<sup>3</sup> Value corrected January 2005.

<sup>4</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.