

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Hampshire, Massachusetts

Number of farms

542 farms in 2002, 699 farms in 1997, down 22 percent.

Land in farms

50,756 acres in 2002, 58,768 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Average size of farm

94 acres in 2002, 84 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$35,079,000 in 2002, \$36,929,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$24,110,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,970,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

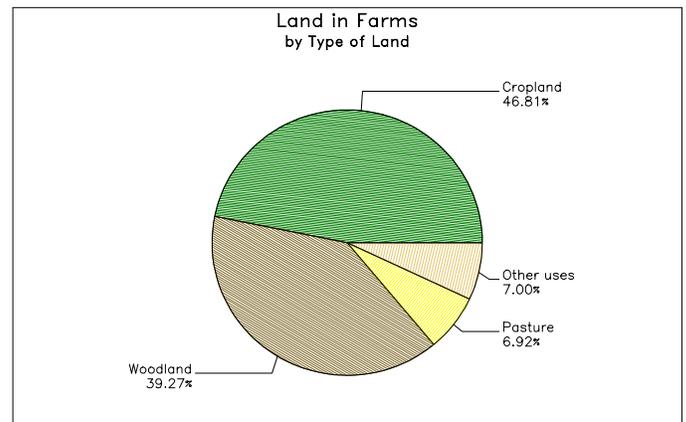
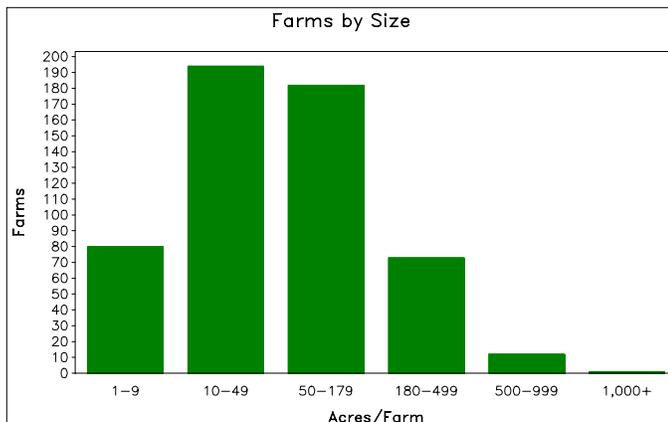
\$64,722 in 2002, \$52,831 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Government Payments

\$542,000 in 2002, \$161,000 in 1997, up 237 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,502 in 2002, \$2,984 in 1997, up 218 percent.



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

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	35,079	5	14	1,563	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	24,110	5	14	1,029	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,970	4	13	1,804	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	348	1	9	2,096	2,871
Tobacco	4,693	2	3	104	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	10,598	1	14	168	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,078	8	14	333	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,014	10	14	407	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	131	6	11	362	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,249	4	13	1,035	3,046
Poultry and eggs	96	8	12	1,328	2,918
Cattle and calves	822	6	12	2,627	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	6,459	4	10	518	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	12	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	145	4	12	597	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	39	10	11	1,233	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	6,238	4	13	2,398	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,733	2	12	636	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,422	9	13	1,154	2,983
Hogs and pigs	1,325	5	12	1,260	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,163	6	14	1,069	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,175	4	13	1,758	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	3,412	1	14	189	2,710
Corn for silage	2,298	5	11	687	2,307
Potatoes	1,880	1	13	108	1,551
Corn for grain	1,289	1	8	1,722	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	141
\$1,000 to \$2,499	62
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61
\$5,000 to \$9,999	75
\$10,000 to \$19,999	54
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	20
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	32
\$100,000 to \$249,999	37
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17
\$500,000 or more	19
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	31,006
Average per farm (\$)	57,101
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,694
Average per farm (\$)	10,487

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	276
Other	266
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	434
Female	108
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	878
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	5
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	25

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

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.