

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Middlesex, Massachusetts

Number of farms

579 farms in 2002, 693 farms in 1997, down 16 percent.

Land in farms

33,160 acres in 2002, 34,991 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

57 acres in 2002, 50 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$65,915,000 in 2002, \$60,421,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$55,192,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,724,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

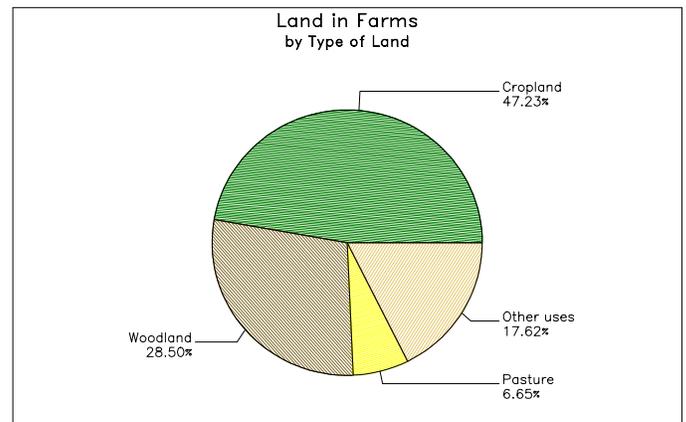
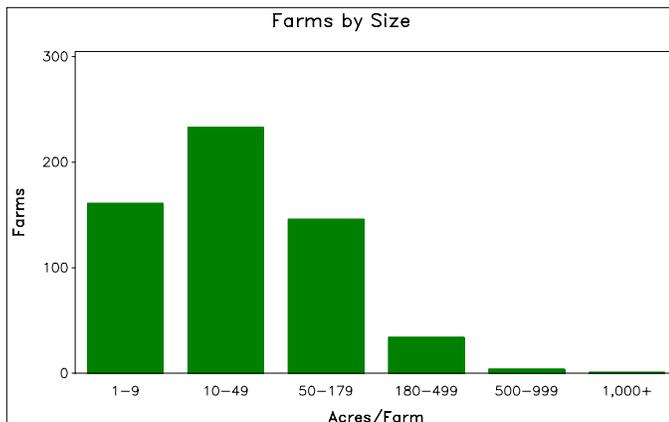
\$113,844 in 2002, \$87,188 in 1997, up 31 percent.

Government Payments

\$267,000 in 2002, \$75,000 in 1997, up 256 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,112 in 2002, \$2,359 in 1997, up 371 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	65,915	2	14	874	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	55,192	1	14	419	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,724	5	13	1,825	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	57	8	9	2,505	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	47,385	1	14	61	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	121	7	11	382	1,774
Other crops and hay	976	5	13	1,264	3,046
Poultry and eggs	218	7	12	1,192	2,918
Cattle and calves	950	5	12	2,569	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	472	1	12	1,057	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	212	2	12	423	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	216	8	13	1,046	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	11	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	9,011	4	13	753	2,983
Turkeys	5,354	2	11	313	2,328
Cattle and calves	2,827	6	13	2,727	3,059
Hogs and pigs	2,214	3	12	1,113	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,964	3	14	503	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,194	5	13	2,040	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	1,792	4	14	299	2,710
Sweet corn	799	1	13	143	2,279
Apples	740	2	12	76	2,173
Corn for silage	684	8	11	1,280	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	192
\$1,000 to \$2,499	76
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58
\$10,000 to \$19,999	43
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	39
\$100,000 to \$249,999	27
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14
\$500,000 or more	23
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	57,841
Average per farm (\$)	98,369
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,356
Average per farm (\$)	21,014

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	322
Other	257
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	413
Female	166
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	887
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	3
More than one race	1
All operators ² 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.

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.