

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Plymouth, Massachusetts

Number of farms

794 farms in 2002, 1,000 farms in 1997, down 21 percent.

Land in farms

59,445 acres in 2002, 81,216 acres in 1997, down 27 percent.

Average size of farm

75 acres in 2002, 81 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$42,989,000 in 2002, \$134,873,000 in 1997, down 68 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$40,451,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,538,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

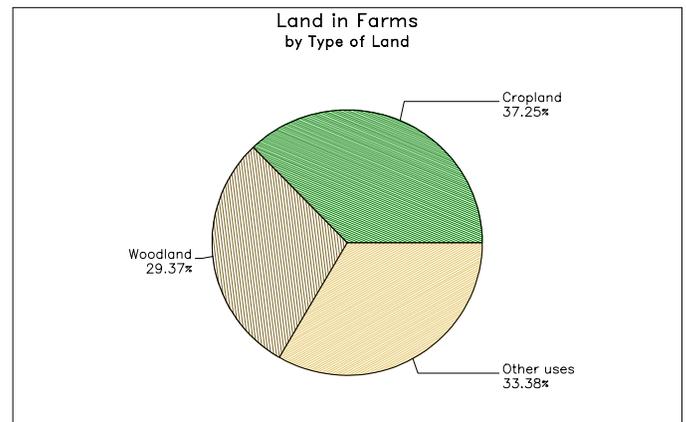
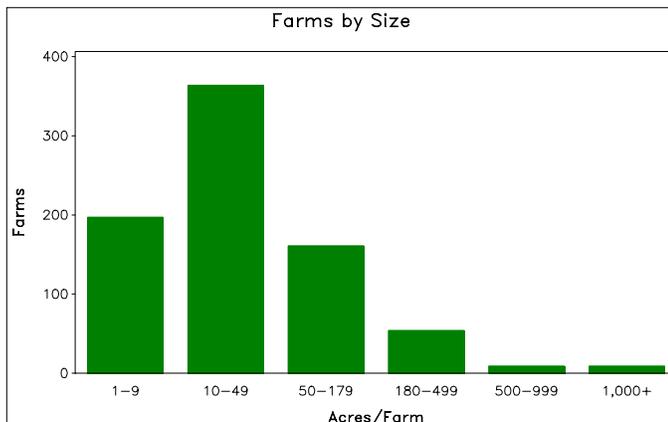
\$54,142 in 2002, \$134,873 in 1997, down 60 percent.

Government Payments

\$515,000 in 2002, \$100,000 in 1997, up 415 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,961 in 2002, \$2,631 in 1997, up 317 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	42,989	3	14	1,348	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	40,451	2	14	624	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,538	10	13	2,628	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	9	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	779	11	14	842	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	32,238	1	14	64	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,889	8	14	361	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	51	9	11	644	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	353	5	12	1,116	2,918
Cattle and calves	123	9	12	2,953	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,187	9	10	1,277	2,493
Hogs and pigs	142	5	12	1,358	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	35	9	12	1,521	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	240	7	13	940	3,014
Aquaculture	349	5	11	331	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	109	7	11	822	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	1	11	(D)	2,328
Hogs and pigs	2,289	2	12	1,103	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,008	8	13	1,004	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,988	2	14	487	3,065
Cattle and calves	1,386	9	13	2,884	3,059
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Berries	11,978	1	14	3	2,019
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,241	9	13	2,282	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	525	10	14	619	2,710
Sweet corn	384	8	13	237	2,279
Cut Christmas trees	140	8	11	489	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	206	Farming	497
\$1,000 to \$2,499	79	Other	297
\$2,500 to \$4,999	65		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	63	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	96	Male	647
\$20,000 to \$24,999	32	Female	147
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	91		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	47	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21	White	1,179
\$500,000 or more	13	Black or African American	19
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	49,269	American Indian or Alaska Native	17
Average per farm (\$)	61,974	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,605	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	-3,277	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	30

(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.