

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Worcester, Massachusetts

Number of farms

1,094 farms in 2002, 1,278 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

103,538 acres in 2002, 116,303 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Average size of farm

95 acres in 2002, 91 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$68,574,000 in 2002, \$59,860,000 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$34,833,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$33,741,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

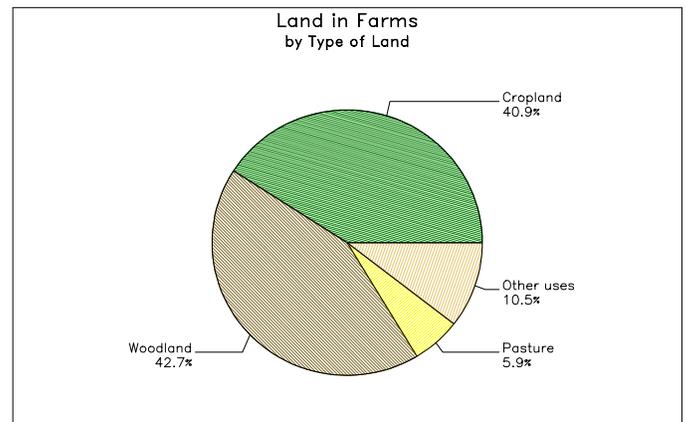
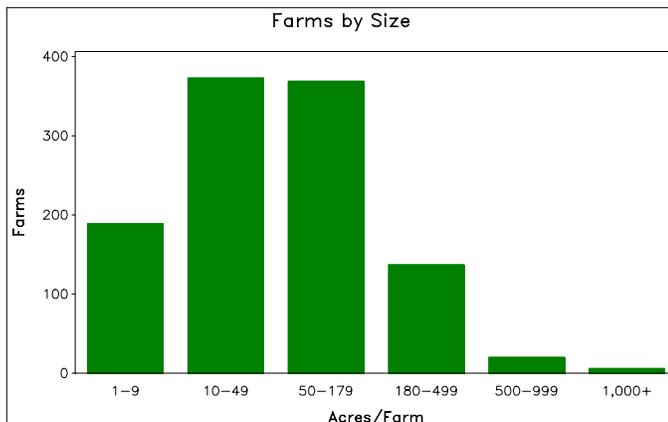
\$62,682 in 2002, \$46,839 in 1997, up 34 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,098,000 in 2002, \$308,000 in 1997, up 256 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,939 in 2002, \$3,542 in 1997, up 237 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	68,574	1	14	829	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	34,833	3	14	750	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	33,741	1	13	849	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	121	5	9	2,332	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	20,797	2	14	134	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	569	1	11	93	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,783	1	13	448	3,046
Poultry and eggs	8,601	1	12	495	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,452	2	12	2,368	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	232	3	12	1,215	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	222	1	12	403	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	592	2	13	296	3,014
Aquaculture	56	10	11	679	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	(D)	1	13	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	11,278	1	13	1,949	3,059
All Goats	3,144	1	12	102	2,971
Horses and ponies	2,955	1	14	218	3,065
Ducks	2,775	1	12	55	2,630
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,790	1	13	899	3,059
Corn for silage	3,722	1	11	475	2,307
Apples	1,884	1	12	39	2,173
All Vegetables harvested	1,662	5	14	321	2,710
Cut Christmas trees	816	1	11	107	1,877

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	301
\$1,000 to \$2,499	174
\$2,500 to \$4,999	134
\$5,000 to \$9,999	129
\$10,000 to \$19,999	97
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30
\$25,000 to \$39,999	48
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18
\$50,000 to \$99,999	52
\$100,000 to \$249,999	61
\$250,000 to \$499,999	35
\$500,000 or more	15
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	58,477
Average per farm (\$)	53,600
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	13,358
Average per farm (\$)	12,244

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	574
Other	520
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	876
Female	218
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,741
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	15
More than one race	5
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.