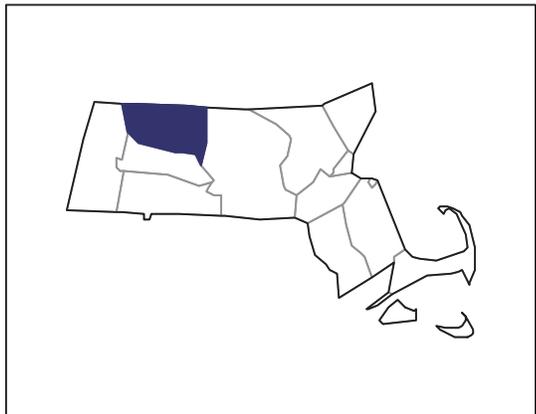


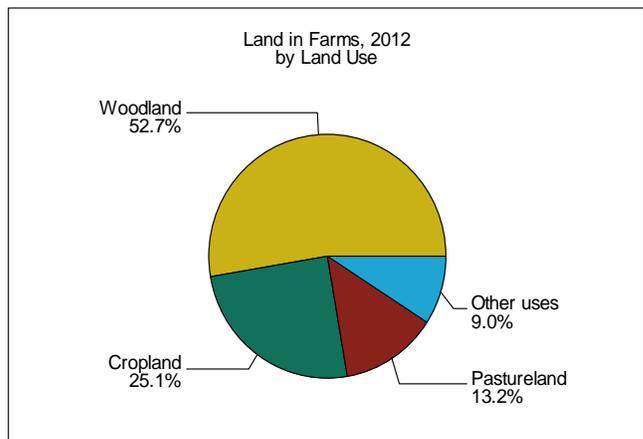
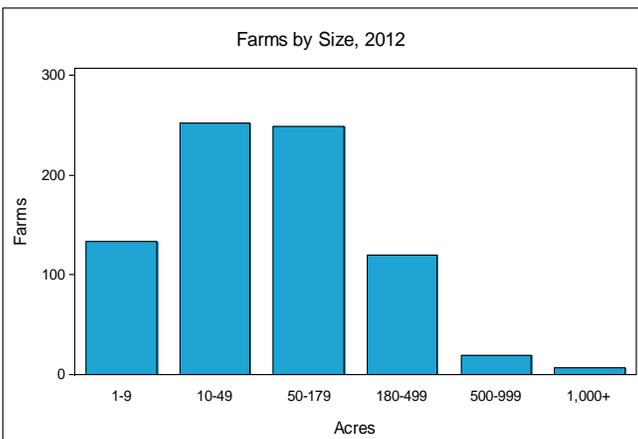
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Franklin County Massachusetts

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	780	741	+ 5
Land in Farms	89,772 acres	79,465 acres	+ 13
Average Size of Farm	115 acres	107 acres	+ 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$55,056,000	\$56,844,000	- 3
Crop Sales \$39,064,000 (71 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$15,992,000 (29 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$70,584	\$76,712	- 8
Government Payments	\$1,987,000	\$719,000	+ 176
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$15,524	\$7,416	+ 109





Franklin County – Massachusetts

Ranked items among the 14 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	55,056	4	14	1,695	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	39,064	4	14	1,307	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,992	2	14	1,808	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,131	2	11	2,201	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	3	4	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	18,199	2	14	138	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,407	6	13	230	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	13,223	4	14	213	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	4	12	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,832	3	13	1,032	3,049
Poultry and eggs	1,498	3	14	946	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,390	3	13	2,504	3,056
Milk from cows	8,289	2	12	555	2,038
Hogs and pigs	52	9	12	1,430	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	194	4	12	831	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	287	9	13	943	3,011
Aquaculture	4,065	3	11	78	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	217	6	14	732	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,795	3	13	1,640	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	4,002	2	14	189	2,801
Corn for silage	2,337	2	10	700	2,237
Potatoes	1,121	2	13	131	2,354
Sweet corn	937	1	13	107	2,416
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	8,516	3	14	711	3,040
Pheasants	(D)	1	7	75	963
Cattle and calves	5,746	3	13	2,323	3,063
Hungarian partridge	(D)	1	2	4	36
Sheep and lambs	1,402	3	13	644	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	252	Farming	444
\$1,000 to \$2,499	102	Other	336
\$2,500 to \$4,999	82	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	95	Male	513
\$10,000 to \$19,999	72	Female	267
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	23	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	39	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	34	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	26	White	1,266
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	61,694	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	79,095	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,005		
Average per farm (\$)	2,571		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.