



Bristol County Massachusetts

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	688	-4
Land in farms (acres)	32,025	-8
Average size of farm (acres)	47	-4
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	35,020,000	-7
Government payments	429,000	-72
Farm-related income	4,936,000	-18
Total farm production expenses	43,083,000	-3
Net cash farm income	-2,699,000	-413
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	50,901	-3
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	4,931	-71
Farm-related income	23,391	-4
Total farm production expenses	62,621	+1
Net cash farm income	-3,922	-426

7 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	79
Livestock, poultry, and products	21

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	41
Pastureland	11
Woodland	33
Other	15

Acres irrigated: 1,953

6% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	13
Cover crop	12

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	314	46
\$2,500 to \$4,999	78	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	79	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	53	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40	6
\$100,000 or more	63	9

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	235	34
10 to 49 acres	287	42
50 to 179 acres	132	19
180 to 499 acres	32	5
500 to 999 acres	2	(Z)
1,000 + acres	-	-

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	35,020	6	14	2,046	3,077
Crops	27,679	7	14	1,467	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	607	5	10	2,220	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	8,905	5	14	239	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	4,588	4	13	216	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	12,410	5	14	214	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	10	11	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	8	13	1,814	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	7,341	8	14	2,274	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	8	13	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,499	5	12	2,287	3,055
Milk from cows	4,256	5	11	655	1,892
Hogs and pigs	237	3	13	726	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	192	5	12	809	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	356	5	12	599	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	6	11	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	115	7	12	707	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,167	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all 5,159
Male	680		Corn for silage or greenchop 1,884
Female	487	75	Vegetables harvested, all 1,621
Age		Farm organically	Land in berries 1,152
<35	71		Cranberries 1,068
35 – 64	588	3	
65 and older	508		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		Broilers and other meat-type chickens 1,023
Asian	1		Cattle and calves 4,548
Black or African American	-	Hire farm labor	Goats 606
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs (D)
White	1,155	29	Horses and ponies 1,563
More than one race	11		Layers 5,428
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 894
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	31		Sheep and lambs 1,011
With military service	133	96	Turkeys 437
New and beginning farmers	242		

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.