



Essex County Massachusetts

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	441	+5
Land in farms (acres)	18,490	-11
Average size of farm (acres)	42	-15
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	36,686,000	+12
Government payments	432,000	+693
Farm-related income	10,566,000	+45
Total farm production expenses	43,807,000	+18
Net cash farm income	3,877,000	+30
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	83,188	+6
Government payments ^a	19,615	+224
Farm-related income ^a	66,038	+45
Total farm production expenses	99,336	+12
Net cash farm income	8,791	+23

6 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	77
Livestock, poultry, and products	23

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	8,523
Pastureland	2,550
Woodland	4,128
Other	3,289

Acres irrigated: 989

5% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	15
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	13
Cover crop	16

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	207	47
\$2,500 to \$4,999	31	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	26	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	55	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	30	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29	7
\$100,000 or more	63	14

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	138	31
10 to 49 acres	224	51
50 to 179 acres	61	14
180 to 499 acres	13	3
500 to 999 acres	4	1
1,000+ acres	1	(Z)

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	36,686	8	14	2,150	3,078
Crops	28,240	7	14	1,626	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	212	9	11	2,387	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	8,585	7	14	295	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	6,737	5	14	209	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	11,262	6	14	278	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	489	5	11	125	1,274
Other crops and hay	955	7	13	2,079	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	8,446	9	14	2,224	3,076
Poultry and eggs	803	5	14	821	3,027
Cattle and calves	521	7	13	2,517	3,047
Milk from cows	6,235	6	9	544	1,770
Hogs and pigs	18	10	13	1,393	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	141	7	12	1,218	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	514	6	12	555	2,907
Aquaculture	21	10	11	283	1,190
Other animals and animal products	193	8	14	722	2,909

Producers ^d	833	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e	
Sex		Have internet access	93	
Male	415			
Female	418			
Age		Farm organically	2	
<35	63			
35 – 64	416			
65 and older	354			
Race		Sell directly to consumers	29	
American Indian/Alaska Native	2			
Asian	9			
Black or African American	1			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-			
White	819	Hire farm labor	38	
More than one race	2			
Other characteristics		Are family farms	93	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	5			
With military service	50			
New and beginning farmers	219			
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens	333
			Cattle and calves	1,835
			Goats	557
			Hogs and pigs	28
			Horses and ponies	1,358
			Layers	5,742
			Pullets	502
			Sheep and lambs	558
			Turkeys	1,124

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f 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.