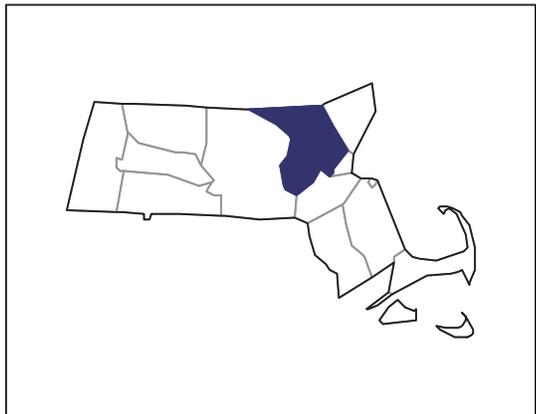


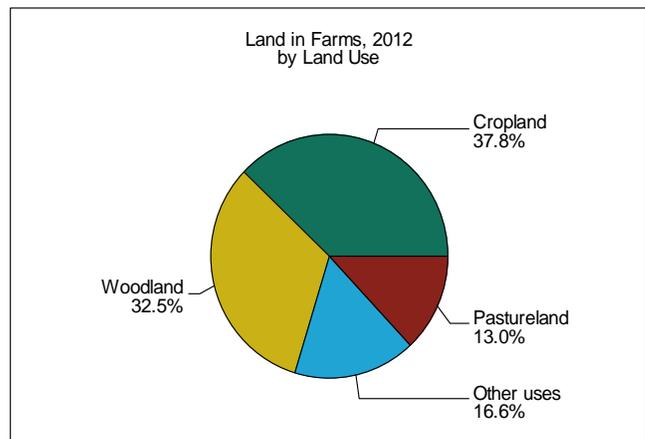
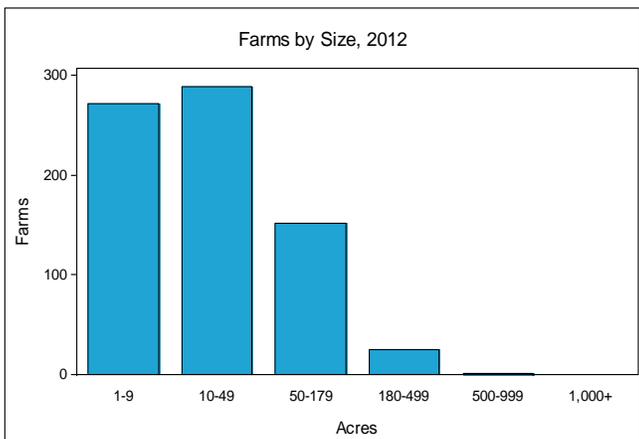
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Middlesex County Massachusetts

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	739	700	+ 6
Land in Farms	28,230 acres	33,893 acres	- 17
Average Size of Farm	38 acres	48 acres	- 21
Market Value of Products Sold	\$76,555,000	\$81,708,000	- 6
Crop Sales \$68,696,000 (90 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,858,000 (10 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$103,592	\$116,726	- 11
Government Payments	\$482,000	(D)	
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,987	(D)	





Middlesex 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	76,555	2	14	1,414	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	68,696	2	14	919	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,858	7	14	2,252	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	612	6	11	2,351	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	9,066	3	14	228	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,510	5	13	201	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	53,145	1	14	50	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	146	5	12	211	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,217	6	13	1,752	3,049
Poultry and eggs	564	4	14	1,075	3,013
Cattle and calves	808	7	13	2,671	3,056
Milk from cows	3,826	5	12	804	2,038
Hogs and pigs	252	4	12	1,044	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	229	3	12	725	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	705	7	13	381	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	11	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,473	1	14	171	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,491	6	13	2,155	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	1,561	4	14	374	2,801
Corn for silage	630	7	10	1,304	2,237
Sweet corn	462	5	13	178	2,416
Floriculture and bedding crops	443	1	13	21	1,848
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	9,301	2	14	699	3,040
Turkeys	5,078	1	12	294	2,416
Horses and ponies	2,453	3	13	327	3,072
Cattle and calves	2,101	7	13	2,721	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,401	5	12	848	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	229	Farming	385
\$1,000 to \$2,499	107	Other	354
\$2,500 to \$4,999	68		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	71	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	60	Male	402
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Female	337
\$25,000 to \$39,999	47		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	48		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	36	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	9
\$500,000 or more	26	Asian	29
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	81,868	Black or African American	5
Average per farm (\$)	110,783	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,141
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,339	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	8,578	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	17

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.