

**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire
<b>FARMS</b>			
Land in farms ..... farms	7,241	321	475
Harvested cropland ..... acres	491,653	6,564	58,647
..... farms	4,687	136	317
..... acres	140,922	1,309	17,684
<b>TENURE</b>			
Full owners ..... farms	5,382	180	338
..... acres	305,452	4,817	29,354
Harvested cropland ..... farms	3,337	104	222
..... acres	54,981	564	4,224
Part owners ..... farms	1,116	35	101
..... acres	169,700	1,306	27,783
Owned land in farms ..... acres	103,970	702	16,659
Rented land in farms ..... acres	65,730	604	11,124
Harvested cropland ..... farms	881	20	83
..... acres	78,146	607	13,100
Tenants ..... farms	743	106	36
..... acres	16,501	441	1,510
Harvested cropland ..... farms	469	12	12
..... acres	7,795	138	360
<b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>			
Total producers ..... number	13,371	542	857
Farms by number of producers:			
1 producer .....	3,063	183	188
2 producers .....	3,232	108	235
3 producers .....	533	13	31
4 producers .....	246	8	11
5 or more producers .....	167	9	10
Total male producers ..... number	7,418	352	485
Farms by number of male producers:			
1 producer .....	5,078	225	364
2 producers .....	697	27	35
3 producers .....	187	11	13
4 producers .....	33	1	-
5 or more producers .....	43	6	2
Total female producers ..... number	5,953	190	372
Farms by number of female producers:			
1 producer .....	4,124	147	266
2 producers .....	500	9	36
3 producers .....	88	7	9
4 producers .....	44	1	-
5 or more producers .....	49	-	1
<b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>			
Sex of producers:			
Male .....	7,206	332	474
Female .....	5,572	174	361
Hired managers (see text) .....	1,325	66	64
Primary occupation:			
Farming .....	5,722	252	365
Other .....	7,056	254	470
Place of residence:			
On farm operated .....	9,268	223	655
Not on farm operated .....	3,510	283	180
Days worked off farm:			
None .....	4,685	165	348
Any .....	8,093	341	487
1 to 49 days .....	1,127	56	73
50 to 99 days .....	673	33	35
100 to 199 days .....	1,234	65	60
200 days or more .....	5,059	187	319
Years on present farm:			
2 years or less .....	736	48	51
3 or 4 years .....	989	31	51
5 to 9 years .....	1,955	76	127
10 years or more .....	9,098	351	606
Average years on present farm .....	21.3	18.1	22.1
Years operating any farm (see text):			
5 years or less .....	1,731	77	111
6 to 10 years .....	1,807	63	91
11 years or more .....	9,240	366	633
Average years on any farm .....	23.0	19.8	23.9
Age group:			
Under 25 years .....	236	1	16
25 to 34 years .....	846	30	42
35 to 44 years .....	1,318	43	73
45 to 54 years .....	2,222	92	153
55 to 64 years .....	3,841	194	252
65 to 74 years .....	3,008	116	203
75 years and over .....	1,307	30	96

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

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Item	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
<b>FARMS</b>				
Land in farms .....farms	688	108	419	830
Harvested cropland .....acres	32,025	7,715	20,726	88,247
.....farms	397	60	277	562
.....acres	10,363	644	8,525	20,093
<b>TENURE</b>				
Full owners .....farms	553	63	326	602
.....acres	19,979	6,455	12,260	49,587
Harvested cropland .....farms	276	35	207	391
.....acres	4,211	216	3,813	6,321
Part owners .....farms	94	27	68	187
.....acres	10,088	895	7,957	36,624
Owned land in farms .....acres	5,450	160	3,577	24,908
Rented land in farms .....acres	4,638	735	4,380	11,716
Harvested cropland .....farms	82	21	49	141
.....acres	5,103	407	4,473	13,076
Tenants .....farms	41	18	25	41
.....acres	1,958	365	509	2,036
Harvested cropland .....farms	39	4	21	30
.....acres	1,049	21	239	696
<b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Total producers ..... number	1,260	235	915	1,595
Farms by number of producers:				
1 producer ..... number	304	40	166	316
2 producers ..... number	316	44	180	392
3 producers ..... number	41	12	29	60
4 producers ..... number	16	5	23	38
5 or more producers ..... number	11	7	21	24
Total male producers ..... number	713	105	417	864
Farms by number of male producers:				
1 producer ..... number	503	48	286	600
2 producers ..... number	56	18	31	86
3 producers ..... number	14	1	20	18
4 producers ..... number	3	2	1	2
5 or more producers ..... number	7	2	1	6
Total female producers ..... number	547	130	498	731
Farms by number of female producers:				
1 producer ..... number	415	63	224	479
2 producers ..... number	25	12	42	68
3 producers ..... number	2	9	2	4
4 producers ..... number	3	-	13	1
5 or more producers ..... number	7	2	8	20
<b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>				
Sex of producers:				
Male ..... number	680	97	409	844
Female ..... number	487	115	380	684
Hired managers (see text) ..... number	105	28	147	105
Primary occupation:				
Farming ..... number	639	107	429	664
Other ..... number	528	105	360	864
Place of residence:				
On farm operated ..... number	937	140	532	1,232
Not on farm operated ..... number	230	72	257	296
Days worked off farm:				
None ..... number	496	64	328	519
Any ..... number	671	148	461	1,009
1 to 49 days ..... number	102	37	73	153
50 to 99 days ..... number	66	15	28	105
100 to 199 days ..... number	84	35	75	178
200 days or more ..... number	419	61	285	573
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less ..... number	35	14	48	73
3 or 4 years ..... number	65	9	66	95
5 to 9 years ..... number	154	47	60	229
10 years or more ..... number	913	142	615	1,131
Average years on present farm ..... number	24.4	19.2	21.2	22.2
Years operating any farm (see text):				
5 years or less ..... number	91	18	112	179
6 to 10 years ..... number	151	35	88	195
11 years or more ..... number	925	159	589	1,154
Average years on any farm ..... number	25.7	22.4	22.6	24.1
Age group:				
Under 25 years ..... number	15	4	10	48
25 to 34 years ..... number	56	31	50	114
35 to 44 years ..... number	117	22	93	166
45 to 54 years ..... number	187	31	145	199
55 to 64 years ..... number	284	51	242	484
65 to 74 years ..... number	366	59	164	382
75 years and over ..... number	142	14	85	135

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

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Item	Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket
<b>FARMS</b>				
Land in farms .....	523	692	620	21
farms				
acres	35,992	50,644	27,332	769
Harvested cropland .....	337	477	442	17
farms				
acres	9,950	17,031	9,274	406
<b>TENURE</b>				
Full owners .....	406	496	450	9
farms				
acres	21,894	27,762	16,083	392
Harvested cropland .....	235	315	313	8
farms				
acres	3,493	4,544	3,338	(D)
Part owners .....	56	151	72	4
farms				
acres	12,437	20,329	8,884	316
Owned land in farms .....	8,390	10,935	5,422	178
acres				
Rented land in farms .....	4,047	9,394	3,462	138
acres				
Harvested cropland .....	54	119	55	4
farms				
acres	5,586	10,451	4,717	138
Tenants .....	61	45	98	8
farms				
acres	1,661	2,553	2,365	61
Harvested cropland .....	48	43	74	5
farms				
acres	871	2,036	1,219	(D)
<b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Total producers .....	955	1,237	1,133	62
number				
Farms by number of producers:				
1 producer .....	197	275	269	7
2 producers .....	265	329	253	2
3 producers .....	38	58	74	6
4 producers .....	13	23	13	3
5 or more producers .....	10	7	11	3
Total male producers .....	572	748	602	37
number				
Farms by number of male producers:				
1 producer .....	396	470	404	7
2 producers .....	49	89	63	9
3 producers .....	13	23	14	4
4 producers .....	6	5	2	-
5 or more producers .....	3	2	2	-
Total female producers .....	383	489	531	25
number				
Farms by number of female producers:				
1 producer .....	273	404	355	7
2 producers .....	45	41	47	3
3 producers .....	-	1	16	-
4 producers .....	5	-	3	3
5 or more producers .....	-	-	4	-
<b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>				
Sex of producers:				
Male .....	565	742	582	34
Female .....	368	485	511	19
Hired managers (see text) .....	36	125	166	22
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	353	510	468	37
Other .....	580	717	625	16
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	696	919	748	30
Not on farm operated .....	237	308	345	23
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	317	438	425	19
Any .....	616	789	668	34
1 to 49 days .....	74	80	90	5
50 to 99 days .....	40	54	75	2
100 to 199 days .....	69	137	107	7
200 days or more .....	433	518	396	20
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	67	77	98	-
3 or 4 years .....	52	95	91	14
5 to 9 years .....	156	288	176	8
10 years or more .....	658	767	728	31
Average years on present farm .....	22.1	19.0	20.9	20.1
Years operating any farm (see text):				
5 years or less .....	153	199	185	16
6 to 10 years .....	122	205	186	6
11 years or more .....	658	823	722	31
Average years on any farm .....	23.4	21.1	22.4	20.1
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	18	30	15	-
25 to 34 years .....	65	82	76	3
35 to 44 years .....	107	159	97	18
45 to 54 years .....	211	225	208	10
55 to 64 years .....	259	368	314	5
65 to 74 years .....	189	247	219	13
75 years and over .....	84	116	164	4

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Item	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
<b>FARMS</b>				
Land in farms .....farms	197	758	21	1,568
Harvested cropland .....acres	7,627	60,036	21	95,308
.....farms	133	473	17	1,042
.....acres	2,619	15,575	17	27,432
<b>TENURE</b>				
Full owners .....farms	165	587	10	1,197
.....acres	5,042	48,847	10	62,970
Harvested cropland .....farms	103	384	10	734
.....acres	1,089	10,975	(D)	11,946
Part owners .....farms	16	108	-	197
.....acres	2,429	10,165	-	30,487
Owned land in farms .....acres	957	7,281	-	19,351
Rented land in farms .....acres	1,472	2,884	-	11,136
Harvested cropland .....farms	14	67	-	172
.....acres	1,458	4,357	-	14,673
Tenants .....farms	16	63	11	174
.....acres	156	1,024	11	1,851
Harvested cropland .....farms	16	22	7	136
.....acres	72	243	(D)	813
<b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Total producers ..... number	344	1,371	32	2,833
Farms by number of producers:				
1 producer ..... number	94	346	16	662
2 producers ..... number	75	308	2	723
3 producers ..... number	18	52	1	100
4 producers ..... number	6	35	1	51
5 or more producers ..... number	4	17	1	32
Total male producers ..... number	199	812	15	1,497
Farms by number of male producers:				
1 producer ..... number	128	503	12	1,132
2 producers ..... number	29	90	-	115
3 producers ..... number	3	26	1	26
4 producers ..... number	1	7	-	3
5 or more producers ..... number	-	4	-	8
Total female producers ..... number	145	559	17	1,336
Farms by number of female producers:				
1 producer ..... number	117	404	10	960
2 producers ..... number	8	42	2	120
3 producers ..... number	4	13	1	20
4 producers ..... number	-	8	-	7
5 or more producers ..... number	-	-	-	7
<b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>				
Sex of producers:				
Male ..... number	196	785	14	1,452
Female ..... number	142	541	17	1,288
Hired managers (see text) ..... number	59	214	10	178
Primary occupation:				
Farming ..... number	141	650	14	1,093
Other ..... number	197	676	17	1,647
Place of residence:				
On farm operated ..... number	229	820	10	2,097
Not on farm operated ..... number	109	506	21	643
Days worked off farm:				
None ..... number	121	450	12	983
Any ..... number	217	876	19	1,757
1 to 49 days ..... number	24	115	2	243
50 to 99 days ..... number	22	85	3	110
100 to 199 days ..... number	30	166	5	216
200 days or more ..... number	141	510	9	1,188
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less ..... number	33	76	1	115
3 or 4 years ..... number	31	135	16	238
5 to 9 years ..... number	39	175	9	411
10 years or more ..... number	235	940	5	1,976
Average years on present farm ..... number	19.9	21.7	7.8	21.1
Years operating any farm (see text):				
5 years or less ..... number	49	182	18	341
6 to 10 years ..... number	53	176	8	428
11 years or more ..... number	236	968	5	1,971
Average years on any farm ..... number	21.9	23.5	8.5	22.6
Age group:				
Under 25 years ..... number	1	31	-	47
25 to 34 years ..... number	36	74	14	173
35 to 44 years ..... number	37	113	3	270
45 to 54 years ..... number	57	231	3	470
55 to 64 years ..... number	116	389	8	875
65 to 74 years ..... number	65	334	2	649
75 years and over ..... number	26	154	1	256

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Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire
<b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>			
Age group: - Con.			
Average age .....	57.6	57.7	58.6
Young producers (see text) .....	1,238	35	69
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....	207	6	3
Producers by race:			
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	29	3	-
Asian .....	95	3	-
Black or African American .....	166	1	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	6	1	-
White .....	12,402	492	834
More than one race reported .....	80	6	1
Military service (see text):			
Never served .....	11,676	461	772
Served .....	1,102	45	63
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....			
	24,832	936	1,460
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):			
Day-to-day decisions .....	11,199	451	747
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	9,287	383	608
Livestock decisions .....	6,976	234	542
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	9,212	369	579
Estate planning or succession planning .....	6,664	225	438
<b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS <sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>			
Total principal producers .....	10,154	437	652
Farms by number of principal producers:			
1 producer .....	3,063	183	188
2 producers .....	5,043	179	365
3 producers .....	1,052	26	53
4 producers .....	562	19	25
Total male principal producers .....	6,016	295	383
Farms by number of male principal producers:			
1 producer .....	4,558	214	319
2 producers .....	974	43	42
3 producers .....	318	17	18
4 producers .....	85	3	-
Total female principal producers .....	4,138	142	269
Farms by number of female principal producers:			
1 producer .....	3,229	125	208
2 producers .....	628	9	52
3 producers .....	133	7	8
4 producers .....	72	1	-
<b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>			
Sex of producers:			
Male .....	6,016	295	383
Female .....	4,138	142	269
Hired managers (see text) .....			
	902	50	44
Primary occupation:			
Farming .....	4,833	223	303
Other .....	5,321	214	349
Place of residence:			
On farm operated .....	7,568	203	542
Not on farm operated .....	2,586	234	110
Days worked off farm:			
None .....	3,856	141	286
Any .....	6,298	296	366
1 to 49 days .....	857	43	47
50 to 99 days .....	519	28	18
100 to 199 days .....	982	57	46
200 days or more .....	3,940	168	255
Years on present farm:			
2 years or less .....	502	39	31
3 or 4 years .....	656	27	31
5 to 9 years .....	1,480	66	92
10 years or more .....	7,516	305	498
Average years on present farm .....	22.3	18.0	23.6
Years operating any farm (see text):			
5 years or less .....	1,165	66	66
6 to 10 years .....	1,371	53	66
11 years or more .....	7,618	318	520
Average years on any farm .....	24.1	19.7	25.6
Age group:			
Under 25 years .....	47	1	5
25 to 34 years .....	557	28	21
35 to 44 years .....	945	33	46
45 to 54 years .....	1,703	75	114

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Item	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
<b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>				
Age group: - Con.				
Average age .....	60.0	55.4	57.1	57.0
Young producers (see text) .....	86	38	71	177
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....	31	3	17	13
Producers by race:				
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	-	-	1	1
Asian .....	1	-	9	7
Black or African American .....	-	-	3	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	-	-	-	-
White .....	1,155	209	770	1,512
More than one race reported .....	11	3	6	8
Military service (see text):				
Never served .....	1,034	195	748	1,385
Served .....	133	17	41	143
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....				
	2,103	451	1,620	2,792
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):				
Day-to-day decisions .....	1,014	183	708	1,356
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	787	149	593	1,138
Livestock decisions .....	708	137	413	871
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	841	154	594	1,172
Estate planning or succession planning .....	617	131	441	845
<b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Total principal producers .....	962	179	637	1,181
Farms by number of principal producers:				
1 producer .....	304	40	166	316
2 producers .....	520	70	296	604
3 producers .....	82	31	62	118
4 producers .....	32	16	64	81
Total male principal producers .....	564	85	337	729
Farms by number of male principal producers:				
1 producer .....	458	42	254	553
2 producers .....	75	31	44	130
3 producers .....	15	2	33	28
4 producers .....	10	6	3	6
Total female principal producers .....	398	94	300	452
Farms by number of female principal producers:				
1 producer .....	358	54	187	337
2 producers .....	25	15	62	77
3 producers .....	4	21	1	8
4 producers .....	2	-	31	2
<b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup></b>				
Sex of producers:				
Male .....	564	85	337	729
Female .....	398	94	300	452
Hired managers (see text) .....	62	23	114	61
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	559	94	357	561
Other .....	403	85	280	620
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	794	123	453	955
Not on farm operated .....	168	56	184	226
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	422	56	277	433
Any .....	540	123	360	748
1 to 49 days .....	66	29	64	116
50 to 99 days .....	54	14	19	72
100 to 199 days .....	52	30	62	132
200 days or more .....	368	50	215	428
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	17	6	35	53
3 or 4 years .....	39	9	43	55
5 to 9 years .....	127	35	46	143
10 years or more .....	779	129	513	930
Average years on present farm .....	26.0	20.9	22.4	23.4
Years operating any farm (see text):				
5 years or less .....	53	12	80	106
6 to 10 years .....	127	28	76	125
11 years or more .....	782	139	481	950
Average years on any farm .....	27.5	24.1	23.9	25.5
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	8	-	2	1
25 to 34 years .....	18	22	33	83
35 to 44 years .....	81	12	67	118
45 to 54 years .....	134	29	105	157

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Item	Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket
<b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>				
Age group: - Con.				
Average age .....	56.4	56.1	58.4	52.8
Young producers (see text) .....	87	134	107	8
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....	40	10	21	-
Producers by race:				
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	-	2	2	-
Asian .....	-	10	18	-
Black or African American .....	16	1	2	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	-	-	-	-
White .....	910	1,212	1,063	53
More than one race reported .....	7	2	8	-
Military service (see text):				
Never served .....	856	1,128	1,002	49
Served .....	77	99	91	4
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	1,961	2,392	2,142	138
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):				
Day-to-day decisions .....	817	1,050	962	42
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	674	904	835	31
Livestock decisions .....	518	615	517	23
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	646	838	791	37
Estate planning or succession planning .....	512	581	514	37
<b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS <sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Total principal producers .....	724	916	851	42
Farms by number of principal producers:				
1 producer .....	197	275	269	7
2 producers .....	383	462	382	2
3 producers .....	75	118	158	18
4 producers .....	32	44	26	6
Total male principal producers .....	492	588	464	30
Farms by number of male principal producers:				
1 producer .....	357	413	335	7
2 producers .....	80	111	97	14
3 producers .....	23	46	26	9
4 producers .....	24	13	4	-
Total female principal producers .....	232	328	387	12
Farms by number of female principal producers:				
1 producer .....	166	286	298	6
2 producers .....	60	40	58	3
3 producers .....	-	2	27	-
4 producers .....	6	-	2	3
<b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>				
Sex of producers:				
Male .....	492	588	464	30
Female .....	232	328	387	12
Hired managers (see text) .....	26	82	108	14
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	297	416	400	27
Other .....	427	500	451	15
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	537	697	612	26
Not on farm operated .....	187	219	239	16
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	263	332	343	13
Any .....	461	584	508	29
1 to 49 days .....	56	68	58	3
50 to 99 days .....	32	38	61	2
100 to 199 days .....	53	121	81	7
200 days or more .....	320	357	308	17
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	53	44	62	-
3 or 4 years .....	32	42	61	11
5 to 9 years .....	120	237	132	8
10 years or more .....	519	593	596	23
Average years on present farm .....	22.8	19.7	22.2	21.9
Years operating any farm (see text):				
5 years or less .....	115	112	120	13
6 to 10 years .....	87	162	138	6
11 years or more .....	522	642	593	23
Average years on any farm .....	24.5	21.8	23.7	21.9
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	6	3	-	-
25 to 34 years .....	41	60	41	3
35 to 44 years .....	73	123	65	11
45 to 54 years .....	152	163	154	10

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
<b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>				
Age group: - Con.				
Average age .....	56.2	58.6	46.2	57.5
Young producers (see text) .....	44	113	14	255
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....	9	15	4	35
Producers by race:				
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	2	5	-	13
Asian .....	2	5	-	40
Black or African American .....	-	4	11	128
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	-	-	-	5
White .....	325	1,310	20	2,537
More than one race reported .....	9	2	-	17
Military service (see text):				
Never served .....	313	1,194	30	2,509
Served .....	25	132	1	231
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....				
	718	2,619	60	5,440
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):				
Day-to-day decisions .....	313	1,138	27	2,391
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	276	971	20	1,918
Livestock decisions .....	185	590	3	1,620
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	273	943	19	1,956
Estate planning or succession planning .....	184	675	5	1,459
<b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Total principal producers .....	279	1,036	27	2,231
Farms by number of principal producers:				
1 producer .....	94	346	16	662
2 producers .....	125	493	4	1,158
3 producers .....	36	81	3	191
4 producers .....	11	74	3	129
Total male principal producers .....				
	164	649	12	1,224
Farms by number of male principal producers:				
1 producer .....	121	459	12	1,014
2 producers .....	36	133	-	138
3 producers .....	7	42	-	52
4 producers .....	-	11	-	5
Total female principal producers .....				
	115	387	15	1,007
Farms by number of female principal producers:				
1 producer .....	102	308	10	784
2 producers .....	6	56	3	162
3 producers .....	7	12	2	34
4 producers .....	-	11	-	14
<b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup></b>				
Sex of producers:				
Male .....	164	649	12	1,224
Female .....	115	387	15	1,007
Hired managers (see text) .....				
	43	140	6	129
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	116	533	10	937
Other .....	163	503	17	1,294
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	192	680	10	1,744
Not on farm operated .....	87	356	17	487
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	98	360	9	823
Any .....	181	676	18	1,408
1 to 49 days .....	17	87	1	202
50 to 99 days .....	19	65	3	94
100 to 199 days .....	27	136	5	173
200 days or more .....	118	388	9	939
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	22	63	-	77
3 or 4 years .....	25	90	16	175
5 to 9 years .....	34	112	6	322
10 years or more .....	198	771	5	1,657
Average years on present farm .....				
	19.7	22.8	8.3	22.0
Years operating any farm (see text):				
5 years or less .....	38	135	17	232
6 to 10 years .....	46	106	5	346
11 years or more .....	195	795	5	1,653
Average years on any farm .....				
	21.5	24.5	8.6	23.7
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	1	5	-	15
25 to 34 years .....	23	58	11	115
35 to 44 years .....	32	79	2	203
45 to 54 years .....	51	163	3	393

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire
<b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>			
Age group: - Con.			
55 to 64 years .....	3,183	175	205
65 to 74 years .....	2,583	101	181
75 years and over .....	1,136	24	80
Average age .....	59.1	57.7	60.5
Young producers (see text) .....	705	33	31
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....	154	5	3
Producers by race:			
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	23	3	-
Asian .....	68	3	-
Black or African American .....	145	1	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	6	1	-
White .....	9,849	426	651
More than one race reported .....	63	3	1
Military service (see text):			
Never served .....	9,207	400	598
Served .....	947	37	54
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	21,641	815	1,255
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):			
Day-to-day decisions .....	9,538	407	622
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	8,008	348	505
Livestock decisions .....	6,057	216	453
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	8,100	341	497
Estate planning or succession planning .....	5,878	209	360
<b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>			
Farms with-			
Internet access .....	6,092	289	406
Dial-up service .....	107	1	7
DSL service .....	967	19	107
Cable modem service .....	3,320	216	188
Fiber-optic service .....	793	9	10
Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....	1,957	102	128
Satellite .....	318	13	55
Don't know (see text) .....	349	27	15
Other Internet service .....	66	-	12
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>			
Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....			
farms	6,907	294	452
acres	434,762	3,515	53,368
Limited Liability Company .....	611	47	46
farms	49,520	807	6,612
acres			
<b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>			
Family or individual .....			
farms	5,773	243	387
acres	295,597	2,703	36,358
Partnership .....			
farms	520	18	44
acres	66,035	405	11,133
Corporation:			
Family held .....	549	29	23
acres	91,266	(D)	6,733
Other than family held .....	119	12	9
farms	6,502	(D)	343
acres			
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) .....			
farms	280	19	12
acres	32,253	3,011	4,080

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
<b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>				
Age group: - Con.				
55 to 64 years .....	255	47	198	397
65 to 74 years .....	330	55	151	307
75 years and over .....	136	14	81	118
Average age .....	62.4	57.9	59.1	58.7
Young producers (see text) .....	41	25	36	93
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....	18	1	17	11
Producers by race:				
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	-	-	1	-
Asian .....	-	-	4	2
Black or African American .....	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	-	-	-	-
White .....	951	176	626	1,171
More than one race reported .....	11	3	6	8
Military service (see text):				
Never served .....	853	163	601	1,058
Served .....	109	16	36	123
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....				
	1,897	401	1,370	2,465
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):				
Day-to-day decisions .....	870	162	616	1,124
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	675	132	545	985
Livestock decisions .....	625	127	364	753
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	762	145	539	989
Estate planning or succession planning .....	557	126	406	737
<b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Farms with-				
Internet access .....	518	99	376	700
Dial-up service .....	12	6	1	17
DSL service .....	65	17	33	164
Cable modem service .....	346	50	211	278
Fiber-optic service .....	33	2	101	35
Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....	172	32	125	198
Satellite .....	16	2	7	101
Don't know (see text) .....	22	18	23	28
Other Internet service .....	6	4	-	18
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....				
farms	660	102	391	812
acres	28,305	7,394	17,849	85,460
Limited Liability Company .....	37	23	29	41
farms				
acres	3,230	529	2,796	6,745
<b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>				
Family or individual .....				
farms	581	74	292	699
acres	21,142	1,309	12,405	58,843
Partnership .....				
farms	38	13	29	58
acres	3,728	458	2,468	13,346
Corporation:				
Family held .....	46	11	54	43
acres	4,262	(D)	3,028	11,468
Other than family held .....	8	2	12	5
farms				
acres	899	(D)	127	638
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) .....				
farms	15	8	32	25
acres	1,994	(D)	2,698	3,952

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket
<b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>				
Age group: - Con.				
55 to 64 years .....	224	274	261	1
65 to 74 years .....	163	195	194	13
75 years and over .....	65	98	136	4
Average age .....	57.8	57.3	60.5	54.3
Young producers (see text) .....	49	79	56	8
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....	39	7	11	-
Producers by race:				
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	-	-	2	-
Asian .....	-	5	14	-
Black or African American .....	15	-	2	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	-	-	-	-
White .....	702	910	831	42
More than one race reported .....	7	1	2	-
Military service (see text):				
Never served .....	657	836	777	39
Served .....	67	80	74	3
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	1,775	2,047	1,794	95
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):				
Day-to-day decisions .....	686	875	811	31
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	586	758	712	27
Livestock decisions .....	446	529	434	23
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	549	717	687	30
Estate planning or succession planning .....	445	482	457	28
<b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Farms with-				
Internet access .....	415	593	524	9
Dial-up service .....	13	6	7	-
DSL service .....	61	194	43	2
Cable modem service .....	236	287	260	7
Fiber-optic service .....	9	19	180	-
Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....	137	173	189	5
Satellite .....	22	19	3	1
Don't know (see text) .....	53	41	33	2
Other Internet service .....	3	3	2	-
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....				
farms	508	667	576	18
acres	33,913	46,041	24,908	363
Limited Liability Company .....	51	65	94	1
farms				
acres	5,802	3,828	4,985	(D)
<b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>				
Family or individual .....				
farms	427	584	448	10
acres	20,102	35,223	16,781	182
Partnership .....	48	61	45	1
farms				
acres	7,456	7,706	2,561	(D)
Corporation:				
Family held .....	30	32	50	7
farms				
acres	5,791	5,712	5,221	559
Other than family held .....	3	3	26	-
farms				
acres	61	74	654	-
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) .....				
farms	15	12	51	3
acres	2,582	1,929	2,115	(D)

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
<b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>				
Age group: - Con.				
55 to 64 years .....	93	324	8	721
65 to 74 years .....	56	282	2	553
75 years and over .....	23	125	1	231
Average age .....	57.0	60.1	48.0	58.7
Young producers (see text) .....	31	63	11	149
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....	4	9	4	25
Producers by race:				
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	2	5	-	10
Asian .....	2	5	-	33
Black or African American .....	-	4	8	115
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	-	-	-	5
White .....	266	1,021	19	2,057
More than one race reported .....	9	1	-	11
Military service (see text):				
Never served .....	255	914	26	2,030
Served .....	24	122	1	201
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....				
	622	2,211	53	4,841
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):				
Day-to-day decisions .....	273	957	23	2,081
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	231	808	17	1,679
Livestock decisions .....	170	506	3	1,408
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	238	832	17	1,757
Estate planning or succession planning .....	162	594	5	1,310
<b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Farms with-				
Internet access .....	169	677	20	1,297
Dial-up service .....	3	5	-	29
DSL service .....	6	37	6	213
Cable modem service .....	84	374	10	773
Fiber-optic service .....	62	179	7	147
Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....	62	249	9	376
Satellite .....	-	13	-	66
Don't know (see text) .....	2	35	-	50
Other Internet service .....	-	1	-	17
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....				
farms	179	700	13	1,535
acres	5,113	39,659	13	88,861
Limited Liability Company .....	13	68	5	91
farms	233	5,045	(D)	8,902
acres				
<b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>				
Family or individual .....				
farms	140	541	11	1,336
acres	4,014	22,564	11	63,960
Partnership .....	17	69	4	75
farms	1,655	6,336	(D)	8,778
acres				
Corporation:				
Family held .....	25	104	-	95
farms	1,312	27,428	-	13,785
acres	8	15	2	14
Other than family held .....	45	1,500	(D)	1,797
farms				
acres				
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) .....				
farms	7	29	4	48
acres	601	2,208	(D)	6,988

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.