



## Massachusetts 3rd District

### Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	2017
Number of farms	842
Land in farms (acres)	36,665
Average size of farm (acres)	44
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<b>Total</b>	(\$)
Market value of products sold	40,465,000
Government payments	285,000
Farm-related income	5,890,000
Total farm production expenses	47,390,000
Net cash farm income	-750,000
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<b>Per farm average</b>	(\$)
Market value of products sold	48,058
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	6,476
Farm-related income	24,959
Total farm production expenses	56,282
Net cash farm income	-891

**9** Percent of state agriculture sales

#### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	74
Livestock, poultry, and products	26

#### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	46
Pastureland	10
Woodland	31
Other	13

**Acres irrigated: 994**

3% of land in farms

#### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	6
Intensive till	13
Cover crop	12

### Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	381	45
\$2,500 to \$4,999	117	14
\$5,000 to \$9,999	85	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	90	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	55	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35	4
\$100,000 or more	79	9

### Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	348	41
10 to 49 acres	293	35
50 to 179 acres	140	17
180 to 499 acres	55	7
500 to 999 acres	6	1
1,000 + acres	-	-

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	CDs Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	CDs Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,465</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>431</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>29,926</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>431</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	4	8	(D)	381
Tobacco	(D)	3	3	64	68
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	108
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	8,603	5	9	175	418
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	6,031	4	8	143	416
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	12,783	5	9	251	425
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	555	4	8	81	326
Other crops and hay	1,629	3	8	280	395
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>10,539</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>422</b>
Poultry and eggs	2,766	2	9	177	404
Cattle and calves	1,467	3	9	287	396
Milk from cows	2,965	4	7	205	312
Hogs and pigs	(D)	5	8	(D)	367
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	437	3	9	202	393
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	604	3	8	240	393
Aquaculture	(D)	7	7	(D)	328
Other animals and animal products	2,089	1	9	112	413

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	85
Male	781		
Female	674		
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	3
<35	133		
35 – 64	876		
65 and older	446		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	29
American Indian/Alaska Native	2		
Asian	34		
Black or African American	113		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	5		
White	1,295	Hire farm labor	35
More than one race	6		
<b>Other characteristics</b>		Are family farms	97
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	21		
With military service	99		
New and beginning farmers	520		
		<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,215
		Cattle and calves	3,345
		Goats	824
		Hogs and pigs	588
		Horses and ponies	1,675
		Layers	10,552
		Pullets	609
		Sheep and lambs	1,180
		Turkeys	(D)

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

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among CDs whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.