



Massachusetts 4th District

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	2017
Number of farms	656
Land in farms (acres)	28,229
Average size of farm (acres)	43
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Total	(\$)
Market value of products sold	32,585,000
Government payments	272,000
Farm-related income	6,489,000
Total farm production expenses	40,198,000
Net cash farm income	-852,000
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Per farm average	(\$)
Market value of products sold	49,672
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	4,777
Farm-related income	34,333
Total farm production expenses	61,277
Net cash farm income	-1,298

7 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	87
Livestock, poultry, and products	13

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	40
Pastureland	11
Woodland	29
Other	21

Acres irrigated: 2,155

8% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	11
Cover crop	11

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	311	47
\$2,500 to \$4,999	72	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	63	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	41	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	39	6
\$100,000 or more	66	10

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	233	36
10 to 49 acres	281	43
50 to 179 acres	111	17
180 to 499 acres	29	4
500 to 999 acres	1	(Z)
1,000 + acres	1	(Z)

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	CDs Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	CDs Producing Item
Total	32,585	6	9	320	431
Crops	28,377	6	9	303	431
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	282	5	8	301	381
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	68
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	108
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	10,009	4	9	166	418
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	4,072	6	8	177	416
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	12,729	6	9	253	425
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	150	5	8	152	326
Other crops and hay	1,134	5	8	291	395
Livestock, poultry, and products	4,208	5	9	310	422
Poultry and eggs	152	6	9	237	404
Cattle and calves	669	6	9	303	396
Milk from cows	(D)	6	7	217	312
Hogs and pigs	246	4	8	180	367
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	133	6	9	268	393
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	381	4	8	264	393
Aquaculture	1,201	3	7	102	328
Other animals and animal products	(D)	7	9	(D)	413

Total Producers ^c

1,114

Sex

Male
Female

646
468

Age

<35
35 – 64
65 and older

77
606
431

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
White
More than one race

2
2
-
-
1,098
12

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin
With military service
New and beginning farmers

22
109
253

Percent of farms that:

Have internet
access

79

Farm
organically

2

Sell directly to
consumers

20

Hire
farm labor

28

Are family
farms

95

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all
Vegetables harvested, all
Land in Berries
Cranberries
Corn for silage

5,031
1,776
1,098
992
761

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other
meat-type chickens
Cattle and calves
Goats
Hogs and pigs
Horses and ponies
Layers
Pullets
Sheep and lambs
Turkeys

2,753
2,287
371
1,124
1,821
5,635
668
1,018
187

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 CDs 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.