



Massachusetts 6th District

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	2017
Number of farms	417
Land in farms (acres)	19,362
Average size of farm (acres)	46
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Total	(\$)
Market value of products sold	29,882,000
Government payments	45,000
Farm-related income	6,109,000
Total farm production expenses	33,284,000
Net cash farm income	2,751,000
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Per farm average	(\$)
Market value of products sold	71,660
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	5,577
Farm-related income	37,942
Total farm production expenses	79,819
Net cash farm income	6,597

6 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	87
Livestock, poultry, and products	13

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	54
Pastureland	10
Woodland	20
Other	16

Acres irrigated: 1,236

6% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	20
Cover crop	15

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	192	46
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	34	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	52	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27	6
\$100,000 or more	43	10

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	171	41
10 to 49 acres	161	39
50 to 179 acres	65	16
180 to 499 acres	13	3
500 to 999 acres	5	1
1,000 + acres	2	(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	29,882	7	9	325	431
Crops	25,857	7	9	311	431
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	215	6	8	303	381
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	68
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	108
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	6,281	7	9	200	418
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	3,559	7	8	191	416
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	13,827	4	9	238	425
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	713	3	8	64	326
Other crops and hay	1,262	4	8	288	395
Livestock, poultry, and products	4,025	6	9	311	422
Poultry and eggs	165	5	9	233	404
Cattle and calves	974	5	9	291	396
Milk from cows	1,799	5	7	212	312
Hogs and pigs	(D)	6	8	(D)	367
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	272	4	9	232	393
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	306	5	8	272	393
Aquaculture	(D)	6	7	(D)	328
Other animals and animal products	435	4	9	213	413

Total Producers ^c	788	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	90
Male	401		
Female	387	Farm organically	1
Age		Sell directly to consumers	27
<35	59	Hire farm labor	39
35 – 64	493	Are family farms	93
65 and older	236		
Race			
American Indian/Alaska Native	1		
Asian	15		
Black or African American	3		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	763		
More than one race	6		
Other characteristics			
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	17		
With military service	42		
New and beginning farmers	234		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
			Cattle and calves 1,598
			Goats 543
			Hogs and pigs 214
			Horses and ponies 1,581
			Layers 5,522
			Pullets (D)
			Sheep and lambs 1,039
			Turkeys 1,250

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.