



Massachusetts 8th District

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	2017
Number of farms	175
Land in farms (acres)	5,678
Average size of farm (acres)	32
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Total	(\$)
Market value of products sold	9,289,000
Government payments	53,000
Farm-related income	1,512,000
Total farm production expenses	12,127,000
Net cash farm income	-1,274,000
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Per farm average	(\$)
Market value of products sold	53,083
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	5,265
Farm-related income	22,903
Total farm production expenses	69,299
Net cash farm income	-7,278

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	91
Livestock, poultry, and products	9

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	52
Pastureland	(D)
Woodland	18
Other	(D)

Acres irrigated: 903

16% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	14
Cover crop	10

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	83	47
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	7	4
\$25,000 to \$49,999	21	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13	7
\$100,000 or more	23	13

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	91	52
10 to 49 acres	58	33
50 to 179 acres	22	13
180 to 499 acres	3	2
500 to 999 acres	1	1
1,000 + acres	-	-

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	9,289	8	9	360	431
Crops	8,435	8	9	358	431
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	7	8	309	381
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	68
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	108
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,271	8	9	300	418
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	4,437	5	8	169	416
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	2,268	8	9	357	425
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	6	8	156	326
Other crops and hay	184	8	8	328	395
Livestock, poultry, and products	854	7	9	344	422
Poultry and eggs	(D)	8	9	(D)	404
Cattle and calves	78	7	9	346	396
Milk from cows	(D)	7	7	228	312
Hogs and pigs	(D)	8	8	273	367
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	8	9	319	393
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	8	8	(D)	393
Aquaculture	(D)	5	7	149	328
Other animals and animal products	(D)	8	9	(D)	413

Total Producers ^c

309

Sex

Male 170
Female 139

Age

<35 25
35 – 64 167
65 and older 117

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native -
Asian -
Black or African American 1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -
White 302
More than one race 6

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 5
With military service 31
New and beginning farmers 63

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **87**

Farm organically **2**

Sell directly to consumers **26**

Hire farm labor **33**

Are family farms **88**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Land in Berries 701
Cranberries (D)
Forage (hay/haylage), all (D)
Vegetables harvested, all 380
Corn for silage (D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens -
Cattle and calves 332
Goats 240
Hogs and pigs 4
Horses and ponies 548
Layers (D)
Pullets 302
Sheep and lambs 191
Turkeys 476

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/croplnames.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.