



Berkshire County Massachusetts

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	475	-10
Land in farms (acres)	58,647	-5
Average size of farm (acres)	123	+5
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	23,491,000	+5
Government payments	447,000	+67
Farm-related income	3,223,000	-37
Total farm production expenses	26,613,000	-6
Net cash farm income	548,000	+211
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	49,454	+16
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	12,083	+121
Farm-related income	20,661	-23
Total farm production expenses	56,028	+4
Net cash farm income	1,153	+223

5 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	43
Livestock, poultry, and products	57

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	32
Pastureland	13
Woodland	47
Other	8

Acres irrigated: 270

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	13
Reduced till	7
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	11

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	227	48
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	51	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	45	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	35	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26	5
\$100,000 or more	41	9

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	83	17
10 to 49 acres	159	33
50 to 179 acres	142	30
180 to 499 acres	66	14
500 to 999 acres	19	4
1,000 + acres	6	1

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	23,491	9	14	2,288	3,077
Crops	10,053	10	14	2,041	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	932	4	10	2,136	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,790	10	14	591	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	634	10	13	593	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	3,455	11	14	468	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	365	4	11	113	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,876	3	13	887	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	13,437	4	14	1,928	3,073
Poultry and eggs	333	5	13	825	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,639	3	12	2,244	3,055
Milk from cows	10,926	1	11	438	1,892
Hogs and pigs	154	6	13	805	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	110	8	12	1,200	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	119	10	12	1,331	2,970
Aquaculture	83	8	11	238	1,251
Other animals and animal products	73	10	12	862	2,878

Total Producers ^c	835	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	85
Male	474		
Female	361		
Age		Farm organically	3
<35	58		
35 – 64	478		
65 and older	299		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	22
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		
Asian	-		
Black or African American	-		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	834	Hire farm labor	29
More than one race	1		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	95
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	3		
With military service	63		
New and beginning farmers	202		
		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	257
		Cattle and calves	6,927
		Goats	588
		Hogs and pigs	(D)
		Horses and ponies	1,155
		Layers	6,125
		Pullets	1,942
		Sheep and lambs	1,047
		Turkeys	89

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 counties 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.