



Worcester County Massachusetts

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,568	+1
Land in farms (acres)	95,308	-6
Average size of farm (acres)	61	-7
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	65,196,000	+13
Government payments	1,015,000	+47
Farm-related income	17,441,000	+45
Total farm production expenses	75,509,000	+10
Net cash farm income	8,143,000	+432
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	41,579	+13
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	7,750	+43
Farm-related income	36,718	+57
Total farm production expenses	48,156	+9
Net cash farm income	5,193	+429

14 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	71
Livestock, poultry, and products	29

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	36
Pastureland	10
Woodland	41
Other	13

Acres irrigated: 1,480

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	12
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	10
Cover crop	11

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	807	51
\$2,500 to \$4,999	169	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	169	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	180	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	72	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	4
\$100,000 or more	116	7

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	543	35
10 to 49 acres	518	33
50 to 179 acres	348	22
180 to 499 acres	144	9
500 to 999 acres	13	1
1,000 + acres	2	(Z)

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	65,196	3	14	1,535	3,077
Crops	46,213	4	14	1,138	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	1	10	2,123	2,916
Tobacco	(D)	4	4	(D)	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	9,220	4	14	233	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	14,980	2	13	131	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	15,677	3	14	166	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	745	2	11	53	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	1	13	540	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	18,983	1	14	1,682	3,073
Poultry and eggs	7,641	1	13	587	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,168	1	12	2,128	3,055
Milk from cows	6,695	3	11	532	1,892
Hogs and pigs	497	1	13	647	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	614	1	12	273	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	4	12	584	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	10	11	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	983	3	12	184	2,878

Total Producers ^c	2,740	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d	
Sex		Have internet access	83	
Male	1,452			
Female	1,288	Farm organically	2	
Age		Sell directly to consumers	26	
<35	220	Hire farm labor	28	
35 – 64	1,615	Are family farms	98	
65 and older	905			
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
American Indian/Alaska Native	13		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	7,887
Asian	40		Cattle and calves	6,947
Black or African American	128		Goats	2,964
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	5		Hogs and pigs	2,236
White	2,537		Horses and ponies	2,677
More than one race	17		Layers	96,384
Other characteristics			Pullets	3,289
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	35		Sheep and lambs	3,296
With military service	231		Turkeys	13,801
New and beginning farmers	769			

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.