

Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2022

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
FARMS							
Land in farms	farms 7,083	349	471	507	66	441	733
	acres 464,451	3,956	71,860	27,956	6,404	18,490	71,519
Harvested cropland	farms 4,925	167	360	343	25	272	574
	acres 131,731	1,140	16,653	9,731	361	6,603	16,073
OWNED AND RENTED LAND IN FARMS							
Owned land in farms	farms 6,424	227	458	463	48	390	720
	acres 396,020	3,086	62,007	21,849	5,746	13,515	61,125
Rented or leased land in farms	farms 1,576	146	90	147	32	110	152
	acres 68,431	870	9,853	6,107	658	4,975	10,394
TENURE							
Full owners	farms 5,507	203	381	360	34	331	581
	acres 295,936	2,582	49,414	16,522	5,631	10,343	39,096
Harvested cropland	farms 3,786	143	282	231	13	189	451
	acres 54,296	714	4,453	3,505	60	2,422	5,513
Part owners	farms 917	24	77	103	14	59	139
	acres 152,606	810	20,964	9,280	(D)	7,034	31,479
Owned land in farms	acres 100,084	504	12,593	5,327	(D)	3,172	22,029
Rented land in farms	acres 52,522	306	8,371	3,953	(D)	3,862	9,450
Harvested cropland	farms 746	12	67	75	10	42	113
	acres 70,569	388	11,203	5,284	(D)	3,697	10,384
Tenants	farms 659	122	13	44	18	51	13
	acres 15,909	564	1,482	2,154	(D)	1,113	944
Harvested cropland	farms 393	12	11	37	2	41	10
	acres 6,866	38	997	942	(D)	484	176
NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS							
Total producers	number 13,896	648	926	906	160	892	1,407
Farms by number of producers:							
1 producer	2,604	150	171	217	17	190	257
2 producers	3,282	153	226	223	29	159	356
3 producers	672	28	40	47	6	43	59
4 producers	320	9	11	7	8	22	56
5 or more producers	205	9	23	13	6	27	5
Total male producers	number 7,858	425	518	532	66	449	777
Farms by number of male producers:							
1 producer	4,810	248	333	377	28	263	503
2 producers	894	55	48	61	16	35	93
3 producers	267	9	18	8	2	16	23
4 producers	33	-	1	1	-	3	3
5 or more producers	49	5	6	1	-	10	1
Total female producers	number 6,038	223	408	374	94	443	630
Farms by number of female producers:							
1 producer	4,100	180	288	259	28	198	433
2 producers	603	10	31	36	7	77	80
3 producers	101	2	10	10	7	11	5
4 producers	32	3	4	2	6	6	2
5 or more producers	40	1	1	1	1	6	2
PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS ¹							
Producers (see text)	13,284	612	879	884	149	833	1,390
Sex of producers:							
Male	7,593	400	501	525	63	415	774
Female	5,691	212	378	359	86	418	616
Hired managers	1,532	102	63	69	47	153	108
Primary occupation:							
Farming	6,003	331	441	450	99	398	607
Other	7,281	281	438	434	50	435	783
Place of residence:							
On farm operated	9,209	274	612	643	56	565	1,092
Not on farm operated	4,075	338	267	241	93	268	298
Days worked off farm:							
None	5,026	210	336	383	37	323	510
Any	8,258	402	543	501	112	510	880
1 to 49 days	1,288	76	106	53	39	104	144
50 to 99 days	842	54	41	39	3	46	86
100 to 199 days	1,278	75	87	65	11	59	124
200 days or more	4,850	197	309	344	59	301	526
Years on present farm:							
2 years or less	657	12	38	44	4	45	85
3 or 4 years	1,073	46	83	57	21	69	76
5 to 9 years	2,711	166	173	129	35	167	294
10 years or more	8,843	388	585	654	89	552	935
Average years on present farm	21.2	19.0	22.1	24.3	18.9	20.6	21.2
Years operating any farm:							
5 years or less	1,765	63	103	99	22	101	182
6 to 10 years	2,305	129	162	107	38	118	267
11 years or more	9,214	420	614	678	89	614	941

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Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2022 (continued)

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Item	Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
FARMS								
Land in farms	491	718	617	17	213	809	28	1,623
farms								
acres	29,618	53,268	25,752	911	9,435	54,093	206	90,983
Harvested cropland	340	503	447	15	145	550	26	1,158
farms								
acres	8,534	16,511	9,662	252	1,537	15,386	107	29,181
OWNED AND RENTED LAND IN FARMS								
Owned land in farms	462	684	544	6	196	740	24	1,462
farms								
acres	25,210	45,047	21,354	796	8,688	48,419	199	78,979
Rented or leased land in farms	77	152	152	12	26	132	5	343
farms								
acres	4,408	8,221	4,398	115	747	5,674	7	12,004
TENURE								
Full owners	414	566	465	5	187	677	23	1,280
farms								
acres	19,705	32,505	16,632	795	8,243	33,334	198	60,936
Harvested cropland	283	395	325	5	122	479	21	847
farms								
acres	3,987	5,401	4,592	162	857	8,910	100	13,620
Part owners	48	118	79	1	9	63	1	182
farms								
acres	8,828	18,864	7,586	(D)	832	17,745	(D)	28,626
Owned land in farms	5,505	12,542	4,722	(D)	445	15,085	(D)	18,043
Rented land in farms	3,323	6,322	2,864	(D)	387	2,660	(D)	10,583
Harvested cropland	37	89	71	1	8	48	1	172
farms								
acres	3,720	10,243	4,568	(D)	510	5,566	(D)	14,714
Tenants	29	34	73	11	17	69	4	161
farms								
acres	1,085	1,899	1,534	(D)	360	3,014	(D)	1,421
Harvested cropland	20	19	51	9	15	23	4	139
farms								
acres	827	867	502	(D)	170	910	(D)	847
NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS								
Total producers	985	1,362	1,307	59	459	1,620	50	3,115
Farms by number of producers:								
1 producer	136	248	222	6	80	309	19	582
2 producers	264	370	267	-	101	311	2	821
3 producers	54	59	70	-	11	107	6	142
4 producers	34	30	23	4	8	59	-	49
5 or more producers	3	11	35	7	13	23	1	29
Total male producers	580	801	729	34	248	998	24	1,677
Farms by number of male producers:								
1 producer	343	498	378	7	152	508	10	1,162
2 producers	79	98	105	3	16	115	7	163
3 producers	17	25	24	7	4	74	-	40
4 producers	4	4	8	-	-	7	-	2
5 or more producers	2	2	2	-	9	2	-	9
Total female producers	405	561	578	25	211	622	26	1,438
Farms by number of female producers:								
1 producer	269	448	343	1	129	438	19	1,067
2 producers	65	37	63	9	15	72	-	101
3 producers	2	9	14	-	2	10	-	19
4 producers	-	1	2	-	3	-	-	3
5 or more producers	-	1	9	1	4	2	1	10
PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS ¹								
Producers (see text)	974	1,329	1,198	50	399	1,580	45	2,962
Sex of producers:								
Male	572	787	686	33	221	979	23	1,614
Female	402	542	512	17	178	601	22	1,348
Hired managers	49	99	232	35	51	293	24	207
Primary occupation:								
Farming	382	566	546	34	135	747	24	1,243
Other	592	763	652	16	264	833	21	1,719
Place of residence:								
On farm operated	751	971	827	22	258	858	16	2,264
Not on farm operated	223	358	371	28	141	722	29	698
Days worked off farm:								
None	367	444	548	19	136	602	17	1,094
Any	607	885	650	31	263	978	28	1,868
1 to 49 days	85	175	106	1	30	136	9	224
50 to 99 days	120	74	85	6	30	134	-	124
100 to 199 days	64	98	104	-	33	151	-	407
200 days or more	338	538	355	24	170	557	19	1,113
Years on present farm:								
2 years or less	33	46	74	1	24	58	4	189
3 or 4 years	96	115	123	1	27	106	1	252
5 to 9 years	159	288	239	30	92	304	18	617
10 years or more	686	880	762	18	256	1,112	22	1,904
Average years on present farm	22.8	20.6	20.4	17.3	19.1	22.7	12.9	20.5
Years operating any farm:								
5 years or less	126	219	200	3	59	128	2	458
6 to 10 years	176	179	201	31	81	259	19	538
11 years or more	672	931	797	16	259	1,193	24	1,966

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Item	Massachusetts	Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Franklin
PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS¹ - Con.							
Years operating any farm: - Con.							
Average years on any farm	23.1	20.5	24.6	26.0	19.9	23.5	23.5
Age group:							
Under 25 years	243	9	4	16	12	6	34
25 to 34 years	870	43	44	33	26	57	75
35 to 44 years	1,521	57	81	92	33	75	213
45 to 54 years	1,756	87	142	149	11	94	185
55 to 64 years	3,557	164	214	228	32	247	361
65 to 74 years	3,605	192	274	209	22	257	357
75 years and over	1,732	60	120	157	13	97	165
Average age	58.7	58.4	60.3	60.6	48.7	59.7	57.3
Young producers (see text)	1,113	52	48	49	38	63	109
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	206	13	5	14	3	5	21
Producers by race:							
American Indian or Alaska Native	18	2	-	-	-	2	-
Asian	108	2	-	1	-	9	13
Black or African American	163	-	1	1	1	1	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	12,861	605	878	876	147	819	1,360
More than one race reported	125	3	-	6	1	2	15
Military service:							
Never served or only on active duty for training in Reserves or National Guard (see text)	12,336	573	823	800	142	783	1,289
Active duty now or in the past (see text)	948	39	56	84	7	50	101
Number of persons living in producers' households	24,708	1,118	1,646	1,605	369	1,582	2,461
On farm involvement in decisionmaking:							
Day-to-day decisions	11,488	550	760	773	139	718	1,213
Land use and/or crop decisions	9,631	424	685	622	109	562	1,051
Livestock decisions	6,433	275	495	468	102	364	699
Marketing decisions (see text)	7,855	420	537	540	96	500	849
Record keeping and/or financial management	9,109	436	643	600	89	563	968
Estate planning or succession planning	6,443	274	474	465	56	338	684
INTERNET ACCESS							
Farms with-							
Internet access	6,088	305	433	415	56	411	659
Dial-up	103	3	15	7	-	7	4
Broadband (DSL, cable, fiber optic) (see text)	4,923	244	347	308	36	317	576
Cellular data plan (see text)	3,623	206	217	246	33	264	318
Satellite	226	13	57	6	13	12	29
Don't know	196	6	11	28	-	15	14
Other	14	-	-	3	3	-	4
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family							
farms	6,550	321	439	472	61	410	690
acres	385,961	3,639	52,048	24,986	6,277	15,868	63,016
Limited Liability Company	817	56	46	48	14	71	71
acres	71,908	740	9,934	2,790	171	3,469	8,260
OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES							
Family or individual							
farms	5,520	259	374	420	42	313	617
acres	282,316	2,471	(D)	20,515	(D)	10,450	47,672
Partnership	472	24	31	32	2	36	64
acres	62,628	408	9,018	2,500	(D)	1,416	13,095
Corporation:							
Family held	643	44	37	33	19	40	32
acres	71,896	527	(D)	3,090	(D)	(D)	7,736
Other than family held	179	9	11	6	2	22	10
acres	21,347	114	(D)	744	(D)	(D)	1,121
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.							
farms	269	13	18	16	1	30	10
acres	26,264	436	(D)	1,107	(D)	2,129	1,895

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PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS¹ - Con.								
Years operating any farm: - Con.								
Average years on any farm	23.9	22.4	21.9	17.6	20.2	25.4	13.9	22.3
Age group:								
Under 25 years	34	24	26	1	7	18	-	52
25 to 34 years	41	69	90	22	35	123	5	207
35 to 44 years	116	197	142	3	42	116	3	351
45 to 54 years	151	180	128	6	39	230	9	345
55 to 64 years	231	311	317	4	176	415	16	841
65 to 74 years	296	361	315	8	60	438	12	804
75 years and over	105	187	180	6	40	240	-	362
Average age	58.3	58.3	58.9	46.9	57.0	59.7	55.8	58.6
Young producers (see text)	75	93	116	23	42	141	5	259
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	18	32	18	3	14	17	1	42
Producers by race:								
American Indian or Alaska Native	-	-	1	-	1	10	-	2
Asian	11	10	22	-	15	8	-	17
Black or African American	9	4	-	-	-	4	2	138
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	1	-	6	-	-	-	-
White	940	1,298	1,172	44	372	1,523	43	2,784
More than one race reported	12	16	3	-	11	35	-	21
Military service:								
Never served or only on active duty for training in Reserves or National Guard (see text)	865	1,222	1,113	47	378	1,472	45	2,784
Active duty now or in the past (see text)	109	107	85	3	21	108	-	178
Number of persons living in producers' households	1,787	2,448	2,262	142	746	2,957	115	5,470
On farm involvement in decisionmaking:								
Day-to-day decisions	820	1,114	990	50	361	1,345	42	2,613
Land use and/or crop decisions	710	1,023	832	49	283	1,152	37	2,092
Livestock decisions	490	664	487	23	184	594	9	1,579
Marketing decisions (see text)	581	816	686	7	247	842	21	1,713
Record keeping and/or financial management	661	916	777	31	277	1,044	23	2,081
Estate planning or succession planning	469	660	521	26	193	698	13	1,572
INTERNET ACCESS								
Farms with-								
Internet access	404	636	551	14	181	681	26	1,316
Dial-up	7	10	1	-	-	9	-	40
Broadband (DSL, cable, fiber optic) (see text)	327	531	480	10	138	539	19	1,051
Cellular data plan (see text)	249	409	340	13	108	390	5	825
Satellite	15	17	1	3	-	25	-	35
Don't know	10	12	16	-	4	24	6	50
Other	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family								
farms	463	675	536	5	196	707	22	1,553
acres	26,927	42,907	21,355	128	7,399	42,020	198	79,193
Limited Liability Company	46	80	92	1	24	92	6	170
farms	5,621	5,944	3,605	(D)	1,850	14,526	(D)	14,988
acres								
OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES								
Family or individual								
farms	406	605	422	4	143	543	6	1,366
acres	21,850	35,612	15,180	28	3,121	19,477	(D)	66,096
Partnership	32	43	51	-	15	52	5	85
farms	3,620	5,632	3,407	-	1,469	14,032	(D)	8,021
acres								
Corporation:								
Family held	36	49	72	4	28	151	2	96
farms	3,695	8,022	4,189	151	867	18,037	(D)	9,067
acres	8	5	32	-	10	30	13	21
Other than family held	262	765	738	-	1,288	1,072	(D)	1,860
farms								
acres								
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.								
farms	9	16	40	9	17	33	2	55
acres	191	3,237	2,238	732	2,690	1,475	(D)	5,939

¹ Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.