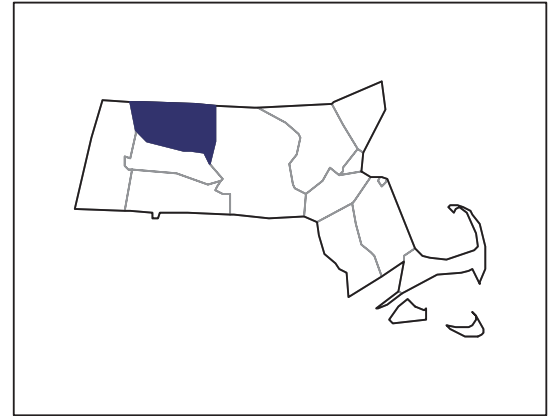


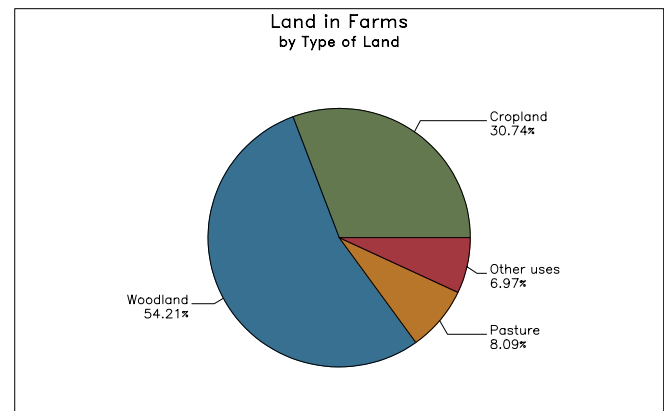
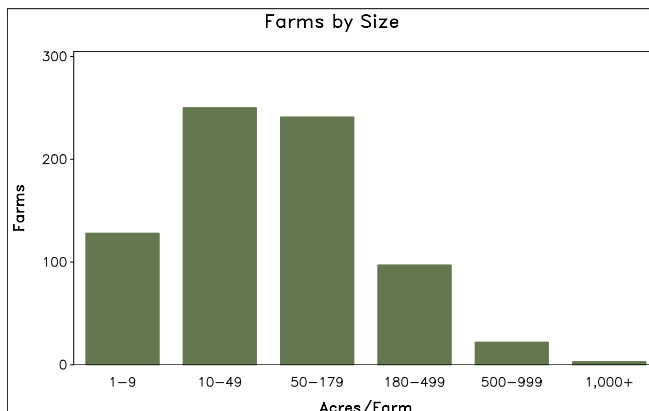
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Franklin County Massachusetts



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	741	586	+ 26
Land in Farms	79,465 acres	74,281 acres	+ 7
Average Size of Farm	107 acres	127 acres	- 16
Market Value of Products Sold	\$56,844,000	\$42,895,000	+ 33
Crop Sales \$36,230,000 (64 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$20,614,000 (36 percent)			
Average Per Farm Reporting Sales	\$76,712	\$73,200	+ 5
Government Payments	\$719,000	\$765,000	- 6
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,416	\$12,752	- 42



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Franklin County – Massachusetts

Ranked items among the 14 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	56,844	4	14	1,441	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	36,230	5	14	1,096	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	20,614	2	14	1,493	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	184	4	9	2,361	2,933
Tobacco	2,709	3	3	112	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	10,646	2	14	179	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,121	5	13	210	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	16,253	4	14	199	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	164	7	11	281	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,153	2	13	812	3,054
Poultry and eggs	1,175	3	13	973	3,020
Cattle and calves	1,577	3	12	2,435	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	13,029	1	12	398	2,493
Hogs and pigs	88	5	12	1,410	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	186	4	12	671	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	247	7	13	936	3,024
Aquaculture	4,196	2	9	68	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	116	7	12	937	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,317	3	13	1,598	3,060
Corn for silage	3,510	1	11	444	2,263
Vegetables harvested for sale	2,794	2	14	285	2,794
Potatoes	941	2	13	149	2,124
Sweet corn	656	4	13	150	2,384
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Pheasants	(D)	1	9	19	1,544
Layers	16,045	2	13	666	3,024
Cattle and calves	8,986	2	13	2,082	3,060
Turkeys	(D)	2	12	313	2,371
Quail	4,018	1	7	208	1,386

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	219	Farming	350
\$1,000 to \$2,499	90	Other	391
\$2,500 to \$4,999	93	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	73	Male	546
\$10,000 to \$19,999	93	Female	195
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33	Asian	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	39	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	27	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	27	White	1,184
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	51,557	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	69,578	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,060		
Average per farm (\$)	12,227		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.