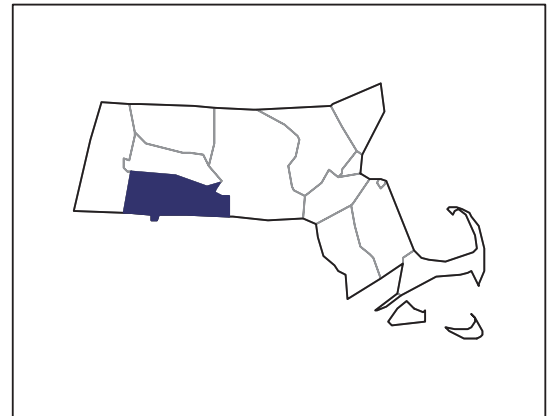


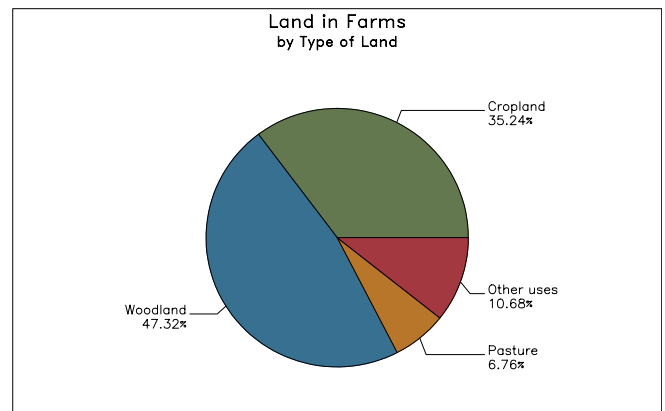
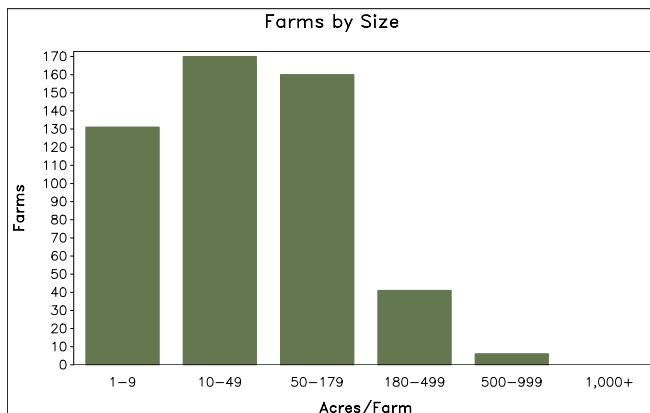
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Hampden County Massachusetts



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	508	458	+ 11
Land in Farms	36,841 acres	37,637 acres	- 2
Average Size of Farm	73 acres	82 acres	- 11
Market Value of Products Sold	\$25,735,000	\$23,686,000	+ 9
Crop Sales \$21,424,000 (83 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$4,311,000 (17 percent)			
Average Per Farm Reporting Sales	\$50,659	\$51,717	- 2
Government Payments	\$242,000	\$180,000	+ 34
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,714	\$5,466	+ 23



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Hampden 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	25,735	7	14	2,094	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	21,424	7	14	1,416	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,311	10	14	2,501	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	94	7	9	2,483	2,933
Tobacco	7,342	1	3	50	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,158	8	14	450	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,625	9	13	335	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	7,581	8	14	360	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	458	2	11	112	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,165	6	13	1,362	3,054
Poultry and eggs	148	7	13	1,326	3,020
Cattle and calves	879	6	12	2,651	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,703	6	12	960	2,493
Hogs and pigs	21	11	12	1,934	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	110	8	12	1,036	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	225	8	13	1,016	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	9	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	225	4	12	638	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,469	8	13	2,086	3,060
Corn for silage	1,113	6	11	947	2,263
Vegetables harvested for sale	884	7	14	560	2,794
Tobacco	503	2	3	156	437
Cut Christmas trees	359	4	11	175	1,756
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,366	1	10	705	2,476
Layers	3,273	6	13	912	3,024
Cattle and calves	2,361	7	13	2,738	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,181	9	14	1,177	3,066
Goats, all	650	4	13	1,186	3,023

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	143	Farming	226
\$1,000 to \$2,499	95	Other	282
\$2,500 to \$4,999	70	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	43	Male	373
\$10,000 to \$19,999	49	Female	135
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	18	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	14	White	823
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,725	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	44,735	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	39
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,908		
Average per farm (\$)	11,629		

(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.