

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Bristol, Massachusetts

Number of farms

624 farms in 2002, 714 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

36,085 acres in 2002, 41,911 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Average size of farm

58 acres in 2002, 59 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$29,361,000 in 2002, \$36,987,000 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$22,325,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,036,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

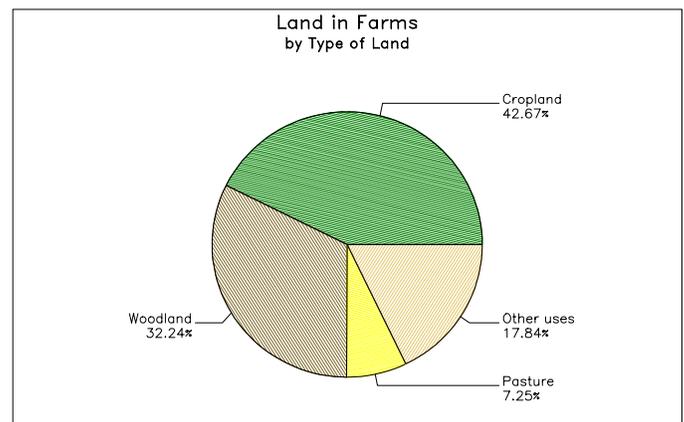
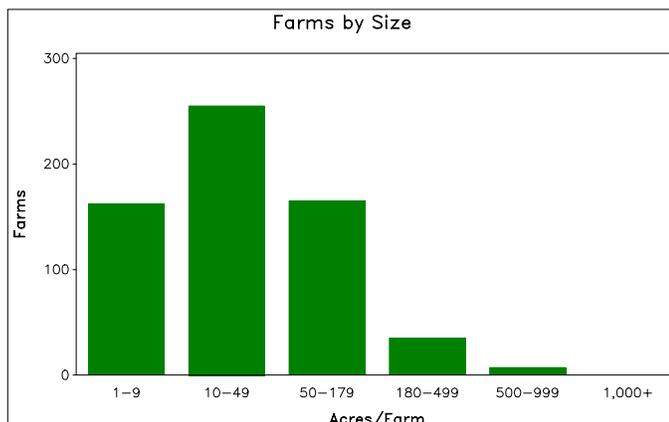
\$47,053 in 2002, \$51,803 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$256,000 in 2002, \$76,000 in 1997, up 237 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,255 in 2002, \$1,273 in 1997, up 391 percent.



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Ranked items among the 14 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	29,361	6	14	1,722	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	22,325	6	14	1,086	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,036	6	13	2,133	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	323	2	9	2,121	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,227	4	14	341	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,007	3	14	161	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	12,912	5	14	206	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	80	8	11	498	1,774
Other crops and hay	776	8	13	1,497	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	12	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,140	4	12	2,491	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,455	5	10	675	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	12	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	67	6	12	1,072	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	389	3	13	544	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	207	5	11	588	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	7,004	5	13	770	2,983
Cattle and calves	5,775	5	13	2,445	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,517	5	14	751	3,065
Hogs and pigs	1,484	4	12	1,225	2,926
Rabbits ³	(D)	(D)	12	(D)	1,966
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,113	7	13	2,166	3,059
Corn for silage	2,307	4	11	684	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	1,872	3	14	292	2,710
All Berries	921	3	14	35	2,019
Sweet corn	754	3	13	150	2,279

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	174	Farming	322
\$1,000 to \$2,499	100	Other	302
\$2,500 to \$4,999	71	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	59	Male	500
\$10,000 to \$19,999	63	Female	124
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	White	948
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	39	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	9	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	23,435	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	37,318	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	28
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,526		
Average per farm (\$)	11,984		

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.