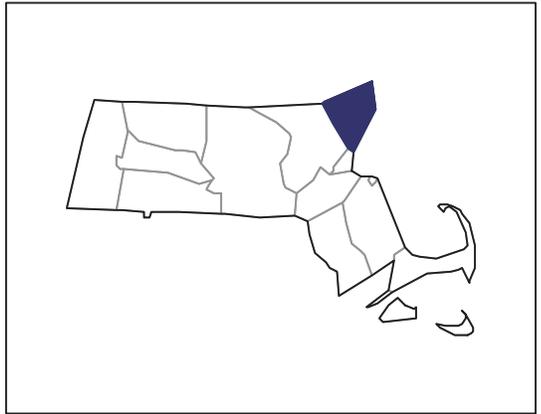


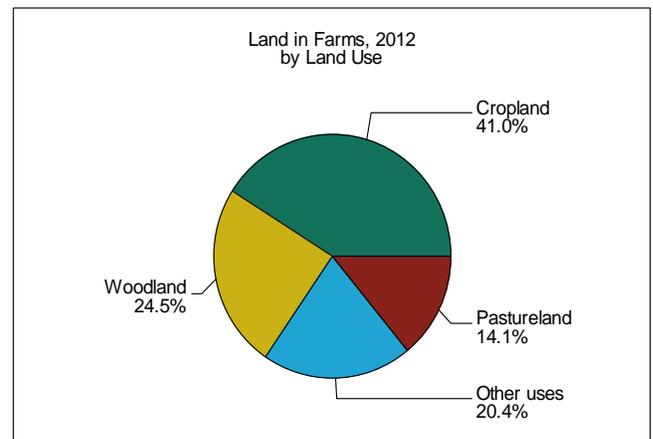
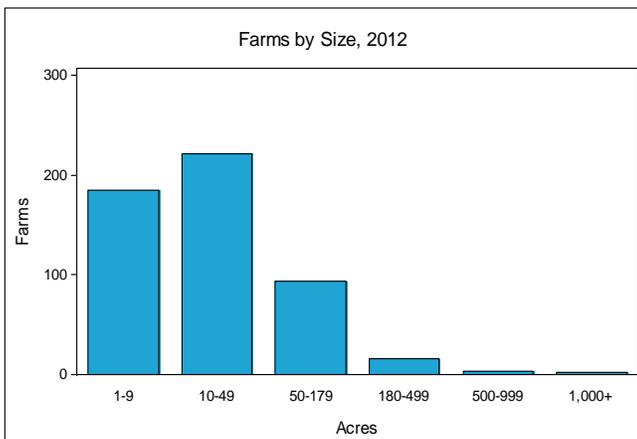
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Essex County Massachusetts

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	522	531	- 2
Land in Farms	22,397 acres	27,834 acres	- 20
Average Size of Farm	43 acres	52 acres	- 17
Market Value of Products Sold	\$25,163,000	\$25,022,000	+ 1
Crop Sales \$18,053,000 (72 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,109,000 (28 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$48,204	\$47,122	+ 2
Government Payments	\$207,000	\$276,000	- 25
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,859	\$13,155	- 25





Essex County – Massachusetts

Ranked items among the 14 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	25,163	7	14	2,244	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,053	7	14	1,765	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,109	9	14	2,309	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	153	8	11	2,607	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,185	6	14	410	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,212	7	13	298	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,421	5	14	253	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	192	2	12	169	1,530
Other crops and hay	890	8	13	2,020	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	2	14	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	202	8	13	2,913	3,056
Milk from cows	2,352	8	12	975	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	8	12	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	83	8	12	1,518	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,792	3	13	114	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	7	11	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	927	2	14	269	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,404	8	13	2,455	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	850	7	14	519	2,801
Corn for silage	549	8	10	1,365	2,237
Sweet corn	338	8	13	225	2,416
Cut Christmas trees	263	5	11	207	1,557
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	4,397	8	14	854	3,040
Horses and ponies	2,931	2	13	210	3,072
Turkeys	(D)	3	12	(D)	2,416
Cattle and calves	1,237	8	13	2,839	3,063
Hogs and pigs	978	5	13	1,050	2,889

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	218	Farming	296
\$1,000 to \$2,499	55	Other	226
\$2,500 to \$4,999	45	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	42	Male	326
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33	Female	196
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	11	White	837
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	42,290	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	81,016	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-5,633		
Average per farm (\$)	-10,792		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.