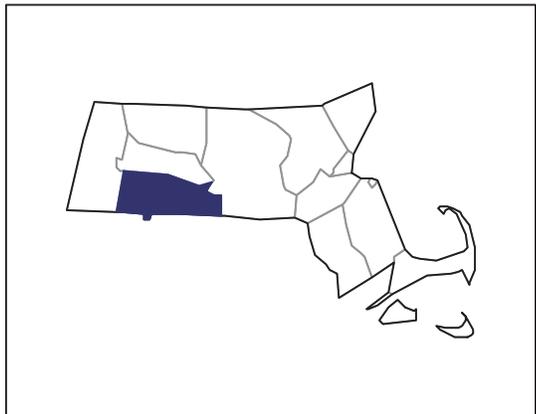


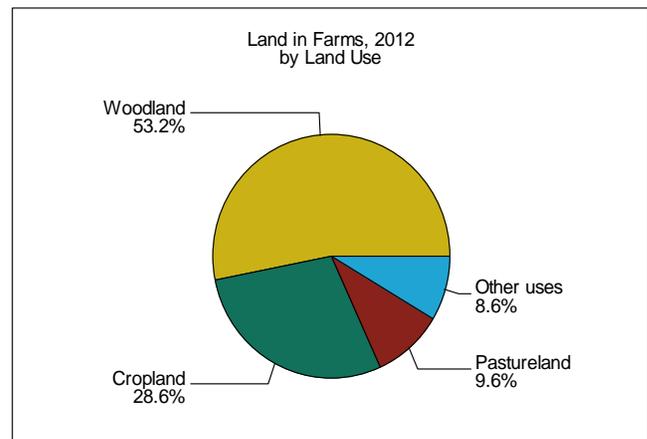
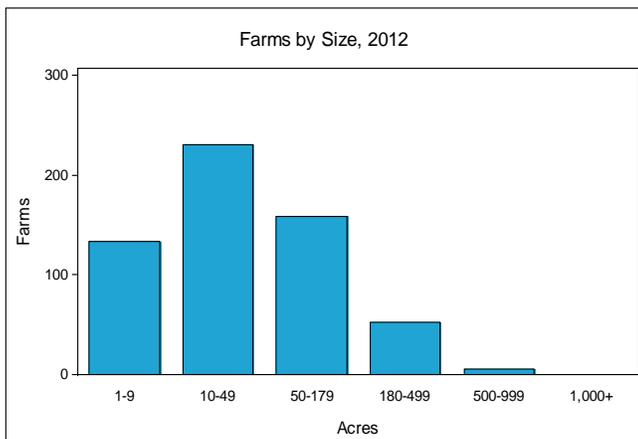
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Hampden County Massachusetts

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	582	508	+ 15
Land in Farms	38,705 acres	36,841 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	67 acres	73 acres	- 8
Market Value of Products Sold	\$23,608,000	\$25,735,000	- 8
Crop Sales \$17,377,000 (74 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,231,000 (26 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$40,563	\$50,659	- 20
Government Payments	\$480,000	\$242,000	+ 98
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,056	\$6,714	+ 35





Hampden 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	23,608	8	14	2,285	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,377	8	14	1,789	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,231	10	14	2,380	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	722	5	11	2,308	2,926
Tobacco	4,359	1	4	86	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,485	7	14	458	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,735	9	13	353	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,645	8	14	400	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	169	3	12	187	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,263	5	13	1,719	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	11	14	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	847	6	13	2,659	3,056
Milk from cows	3,674	6	12	813	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	6	12	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	139	7	12	1,085	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,041	4	13	236	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	11	11	1,316	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	227	5	14	708	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,545	5	13	2,148	3,057
Corn for silage	1,159	6	10	1,057	2,237
Vegetables harvested, all	1,055	6	14	461	2,801
Land in Berries	402	4	13	78	2,339
Sweet corn	360	6	13	216	2,416
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	4,119	9	14	883	3,040
Cattle and calves	2,528	6	13	2,669	3,063
Horses and ponies	1,064	10	13	1,124	3,072
Sheep and lambs	781	7	13	1,081	2,897
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	7	12	(D)	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	244	Farming	242
\$1,000 to \$2,499	54	Other	340
\$2,500 to \$4,999	66		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42	Male	427
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Female	155
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	13	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	23,749	Black or African American	7
Average per farm (\$)	40,806	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		White	924
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,442	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	4,195	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	34

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.