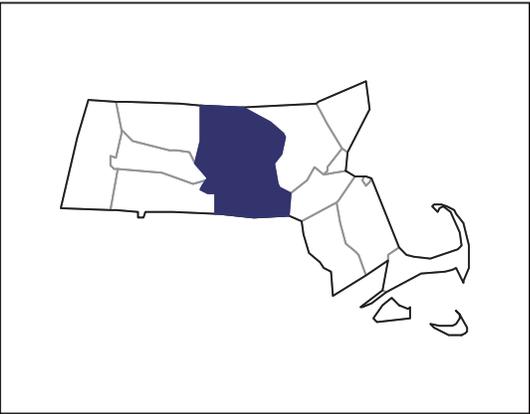


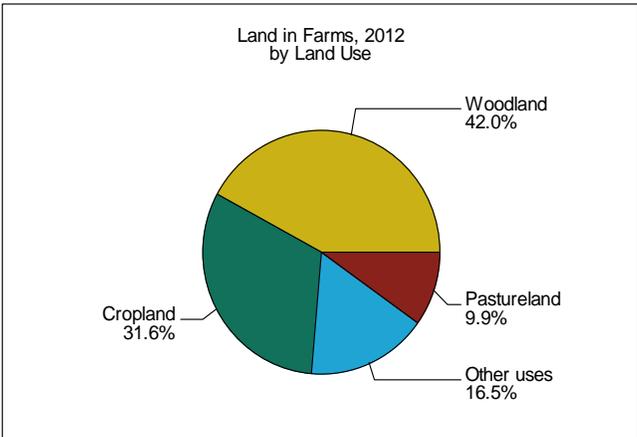
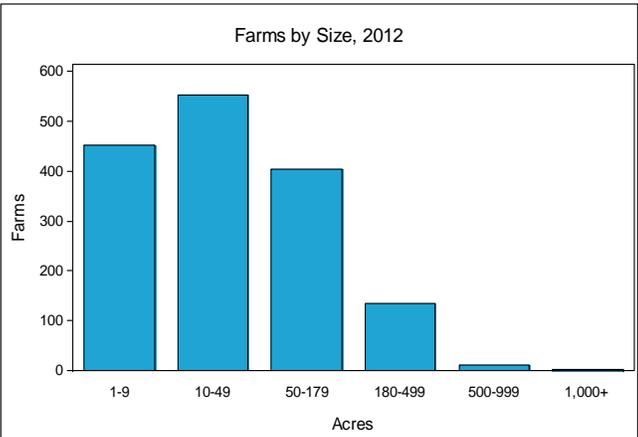
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Worcester County Massachusetts

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,560	1,547	+ 1
<b>Land in Farms</b>	101,808 acres	106,357 acres	- 4
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	65 acres	69 acres	- 6
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>			
	\$57,478,000	\$80,550,000	- 29
Crop Sales \$39,575,000 (69 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$17,903,000 (31 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$36,845	\$52,069	- 29
<b>Government Payments</b>			
	\$690,000	\$1,034,000	- 33
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,436	\$8,839	- 38





## Worcester County – Massachusetts

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	57,478	3	14	1,668	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	39,575	3	14	1,298	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,903	1	14	1,697	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	4	11	2,241	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	4	4	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,129	5	14	308	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	11,910	2	13	134	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	15,624	2	14	194	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	1	12	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	4,542	1	13	649	3,049
Poultry and eggs	7,093	1	14	675	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,219	1	13	2,261	3,056
Milk from cows	5,829	4	12	673	2,038
Hogs and pigs	868	1	12	889	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	691	1	12	242	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	880	5	13	292	3,011
Aquaculture	26	9	11	825	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	298	4	14	600	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,754	1	13	935	3,057
Corn for silage	1,740	3	10	857	2,237
Apples	1,460	1	12	34	2,167
Vegetables harvested, all	1,457	5	14	389	2,801
Sweet corn	567	4	13	152	2,416
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	97,946	1	14	373	3,040
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	8,273	1	12	643	2,723
Cattle and calves	6,899	2	13	2,214	3,063
Horses and ponies	3,359	1	13	155	3,072
Goats, all	3,249	1	12	112	2,996

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	604	Farming	677
\$1,000 to \$2,499	206	Other	883
\$2,500 to \$4,999	170	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	184	Male	1,047
\$10,000 to \$19,999	115	Female	513
\$20,000 to \$24,999	44	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	67	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	46	Asian	71
\$100,000 to \$249,999	56	Black or African American	64
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	20	White	2,337
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	68,660	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	44,013	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	39
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,532		
Average per farm (\$)	982		

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.