



Berkshire County Massachusetts

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	471	-1
Land in farms (acres)	71,860	+23
Average size of farm (acres)	153	+24
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	36,008,000	+53
Government payments	1,101,000	+146
Farm-related income	5,611,000	+74
Total farm production expenses	35,963,000	+35
Net cash farm income	6,757,000	+1134
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	76,449	+55
Government payments ^a	17,763	+47
Farm-related income ^a	33,803	+64
Total farm production expenses	76,355	+36
Net cash farm income	14,346	+1144

6 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	36
Livestock, poultry, and products	64

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	19,678
Pastureland	5,065
Woodland	40,578
Other	6,539

Acres irrigated: 339

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	15
Reduced till	7
Intensive till	15
Cover crop	16

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	191	41
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	80	17
\$25,000 to \$49,999	43	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19	4
\$100,000 or more	50	11

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	85	18
10 to 49 acres	146	31
50 to 179 acres	133	28
180 to 499 acres	87	18
500 to 999 acres	13	3
1,000+ acres	7	1

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	36,008	9	14	2,160	3,078
Crops	12,960	10	14	2,058	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	565	6	11	2,262	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	10	14	476	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	2,973	9	14	324	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	9	14	(D)	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	250	7	11	185	1,274
Other crops and hay	2,341	4	13	1,303	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	23,047	2	14	1,646	3,076
Poultry and eggs	917	4	14	805	3,027
Cattle and calves	2,176	3	13	2,112	3,047
Milk from cows	19,185	1	9	359	1,770
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	346	2	12	583	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	182	8	12	1,181	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	9	11	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	141	10	14	845	2,909

Producers ^d	879	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	92
Male	501		
Female	378		
Age		Farm organically	1
<35	48		
35 – 64	437		
65 and older	394		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	26
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		
Asian	-		
Black or African American	1		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	25
White	878		
More than one race	-		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	93
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	5		
With military service	56		
New and beginning farmers	265		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
			Cattle and calves 6,700
			Goats 302
			Hogs and pigs 199
			Horses and ponies 686
			Layers 8,424
			Pullets (D)
			Sheep and lambs 1,761
			Turkeys (D)

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.