



Worcester County Massachusetts

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	1,623	+4
Land in farms (acres)	90,983	-5
Average size of farm (acres)	56	-8
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	87,108,000	+34
Government payments	908,000	-11
Farm-related income	19,646,000	+13
Total farm production expenses	104,893,000	+39
Net cash farm income	2,768,000	-66
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	53,671	+29
Government payments ^a	9,358	+21
Farm-related income ^a	42,068	+15
Total farm production expenses	64,629	+34
Net cash farm income	1,706	-67

14 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	72
Livestock, poultry, and products	28

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	34,018
Pastureland	9,714
Woodland	34,918
Other	12,333

Acres irrigated: 1,825

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	7
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	11

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	772	48
\$2,500 to \$4,999	153	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	175	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	197	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	114	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	67	4
\$100,000 or more	145	9

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	515	32
10 to 49 acres	594	37
50 to 179 acres	389	24
180 to 499 acres	108	7
500 to 999 acres	14	1
1,000+ acres	3	(Z)

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	87,108	3	14	1,514	3,078
Crops	63,028	4	14	1,146	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,168	2	11	2,144	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	17,568	3	14	187	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	16,004	2	14	138	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	20,792	3	14	167	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	1,167	1	11	55	1,274
Other crops and hay	6,329	1	13	548	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	24,079	1	14	1,623	3,076
Poultry and eggs	9,756	1	14	607	3,027
Cattle and calves	3,233	2	13	1,921	3,047
Milk from cows	8,532	2	9	483	1,770
Hogs and pigs	724	2	13	601	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	649	1	12	298	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	700	3	12	409	2,907
Aquaculture	4	11	11	311	1,190
Other animals and animal products	481	3	14	399	2,909

Producers ^d	2,962	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	81
Male	1,614		
Female	1,348		
Age		Farm organically	1
<35	259		
35 – 64	1,537		
65 and older	1,166		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	32
American Indian/Alaska Native	2		
Asian	17		
Black or African American	138		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	2,784	Hire farm labor	22
More than one race	21		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	96
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	42		
With military service	178		
New and beginning farmers	996		
		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	5,521
		Cattle and calves	6,309
		Goats	2,442
		Hogs and pigs	1,655
		Horses and ponies	3,078
		Layers	116,679
		Pullets	1,376
		Sheep and lambs	2,771
		Turkeys	4,927

^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.