Massachusetts
8th District

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022

	2022
Number of farms	133
Land in farms (acres)	4,777
Average size of farm (acres)	36

Total	($)
Market value of products sold	8,048,000
Government payments	134,000
Farm-related income	1,510,000
Total farm production expenses	9,323,000
Net cash farm income	(D)

Per farm average	($)
Market value of products sold	60,510
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	13,397
Farm-related income	29,606
Total farm production expenses	70,098
Net cash farm income	(D)

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	72
Livestock, poultry, and products	28

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	49
Pastureland	8
Woodland	21
Other	23

Acres irrigated: 424

9% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	15
Reduced till	6
Intensive till	13
Cover crop	12

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	52	39
$2,500 to $4,999	13	10
$5,000 to $9,999	15	11
$10,000 to $24,999	22	17
$25,000 to $49,999	8	6
$50,000 to $99,999	4	3
$100,000 or more	19	14

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	55	41
10 to 49 acres	55	41
50 to 179 acres	17	13
180 to 499 acres	6	5
500 to 999 acres	-	-
1,000 + acres	-	-

2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *Congressional District Profile*

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales ($1,000)	Rank in State [b]	CDs Producing Item	Rank in U.S. [b]	CDs Producing Item
Total	8,048	8	9	360	429
Crops	5,790	8	9	366	429
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	7	8	347	380
Tobacco	-	-	2	-	66
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	105
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,277	8	9	318	423
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	3,120	7	9	241	411
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	8	9	(D)	424
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	103	7	8	164	319
Other crops and hay	(D)	7	9	321	394
Livestock, poultry, and products	2,258	7	9	333	420
Poultry and eggs	36	8	9	320	403
Cattle and calves	38	7	9	359	390
Milk from cows	-	-	6	-	301
Hogs and pigs	(D)	8	8	(D)	361
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	12	8	8	340	388
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	7	8	311	384
Aquaculture	2,060	2	7	102	325
Other animals and animal products	1	9	9	355	409

Total Producers [c]	312
Sex	
Male	180
Female	132
Age	
<35	45
35 – 64	172
65 and older	95
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	10
Black or African American	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	297
More than one race	4
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	1
With military service	9
New and beginning farmers	87

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**89**
Farm organically	**-**
Sell directly to consumers	**22**
Hire farm labor	**35**
Are family farms	**86**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	1,127
Land in berries	181
Vegetables harvested, all	169
Cranberries	154
Cultivated Christmas trees	66

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	248
Goats	78
Hogs and pigs	13
Horses and ponies	234
Layers	775
Pullets	192
Sheep and lambs	166
Turkeys	308

See 2022 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.
[a] May not add to 100% due to rounding. [b] Among CDs whose rank can be displayed. [c] Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.
[d] Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. [e] 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.