

**ESSEX COUNTY, MA**

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	396	357	439
Acreage	25,547	25,470	30,940
Average size (acres)	65	71	70
Median size (acres)	24	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	526,583	781,091	462,670
Machinery/equip (dollars)	54,306	38,328	33,053
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	12,427	14,304	16,730
Harvested	10,031	10,257	12,714
Irrigated	1,234	933	878
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	25,091	17,769	17,034
(dollars avg. per farm)	63,361	49,774	38,803
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	23,055	11,946	7,786
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	2,767	2,643	3,372
Beef cows	553	398	510
Milk cows	948	1,096	1,278
Hogs and pigs	278	459	561
Sheep and lambs	390	636	573
Layers 13 wks or/older	D	6,924	51,258
Broilers and chicken (sold)	305	D	D
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Corn, grain or seed	116	D	205
Corn, silage or green chop	606	1,193	757
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	N	N	N
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	N	N	N
Dry edible beans, excl limas	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	4	9	9
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	6,982	6,641	9,286
<b>Vegetables</b>			
Number of farms	91	95	95
Acreage	1,362	1,845	1,852

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<b>Orchards</b>			
Number of farms	26	41	29
Acreage	369	369	484

**Abbreviations/footnotes:**

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture