

HAMPDEN COUNTY, MA

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

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	418	410	490
Acreage	37,417	37,477	46,747
Average size (acres)	90	91	95
Median size (acres)	44	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	357,644	295,835	283,605
Machinery/equip (dollars)	28,543	27,033	29,365
Cropland (acres)			
Total	16,114	15,047	18,577
Harvested	11,663	10,842	14,014
Irrigated	1,095	691	801
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	29,107	18,947	19,056
(dollars avg. per farm)	69,633	46,211	38,889
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	15,576	6,319	8,407
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	3,555	4,314	5,582
Beef cows	527	567	1,039
Milk cows	1,384	1,930	2,353
Hogs and pigs	264	449	248
Sheep and lambs	451	685	662
Layers 13 wks or/older	895	6,050	24,563
Broilers and chicken (sold)	D	45,200	200
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Corn, grain or seed	125	142	329
Corn, silage or green chop	1,673	2,150	2,646
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	D	D	D
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	7,004	5,834	7,688
Vegetables			
Number of farms	66	70	76
Acreage	1,221	1,505	1,674

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Orchards			
Number of farms	43	57	68
Acreage	711	825	923

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