

2008 STATE AGRICULTURE OVERVIEW

Massachusetts

Farms

Number of Farms	7,700
Land in Farms (acres)	510,000
Average Farm Size (acres)	66

Livestock Inventory

Cattle and Calves - All (Jan. 1, 2009)	43,000
Hogs & Pigs - All (Dec. 1, 2008)	10,000

Milk

Milk Cows (Average head)	15,000
Milk Production per Cow (lbs)	16,933
Production (lbs)	254,000,000

Crops - Planted, Harvested, Yield, Production, Price (MYA), Value of Production

Commodity	Planted All Purpose Acres	Harvestd Acres	Yield	Production	Price per Unit	Value of Production Dollars
Field & Misc Crops						49,979,000
Hay All (Dry)		73,000	2.1 tons	154,000 tons	221.000 dols/ton	33,960,000
Hay Other (Dry)		65,000	2.1 tons	137,000 tons	215.000 dols/ton	29,455,000
Potatoes Fall	2,800	2,400	270.0 cwt	648,000 cwt		8,878,000
Potatoes All	2,800	2,400	270.0 cwt	648,000 cwt	13.700 dols/cwt	8,878,000
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)		8,000	2.1 tons	17,000 tons	265.000 dols/ton	4,505,000
Tobacco Cigar Binder Conn Valley Broadleaf (Type 51)		500	1,500.0 lbs	750 lbs	6.000 dols/lb	4,500,000
Principal Crops	102,000					
Corn For Grain	19,000					
Alfalfa & Alfalfa Mixtures - New Seedings	1,000					
Corn For Silage		15,000	19.5 tons	293,000 tons		
Tobacco All (All Classes)		690	1,445.0 lbs	997 lbs		
Tobacco Cigar Wrapper Conn Valley Shade-Grown (Type 61)		190	1,300.0 lbs	247 lbs		
Maple Syrup			0.3 gals	55 galts		

2007 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, Massachusetts Agricultural Statistics Service
Massachusetts - Ranked items within U.S. 2007

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	489,820	47	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	364,481	41	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	125,338	46	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,781	47	50
Tobacco	15,775	9	17
Cotton and cottonseed			17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	59,180	31	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	100,623	14	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	169,167	25	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops			49
Other crops and hay			50
Poultry and eggs	13,207	42	50
Cattle and calves	12,444	44	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	50,485	41	50
Hogs and pigs	2,108	40	50
Sheep, goats, and their products			50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	5,703	39	50
Aquaculture	18,548	16	50
Other animals and other animal products			50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Layers	139,764	45	50
Cattle and calves	46,852	45	50
Pheasants			50
Horses and ponies	20,580	41	50
Turkeys	17,501	28	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	93,811	44	50
Vegetables harvested, all	15,764	34	50
Land in Berries	14,804	7	49
Corn for silage	13,895	38	48
Sweet corn	5,248	19	50

Other Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:		Farms by value of sales	
Farming	3,688	Less than \$1,000	2,380
Other	4,003	\$1,000 to \$2,499	949
		\$2,500 to \$4,999	839
Principal operators by sex:		\$5,000 to \$9,999	769
Male	5,465	\$10,000 to \$19,999	791
Female	2,226	\$20,000 to \$24,999	244
		\$25,000 to \$39,999	362
Average age of principal operator (years)	56	\$40,000 to \$49,999	156
		\$50,000 to \$99,999	398
All operators 2/ by race:		\$100,000 to \$249,999	397
American Indian or Alaska Native	26	\$250,000 to \$499,999	212
Asian	71	\$500,000 or more	194
Black or African American	52		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	461,483
White	11,787	Average per farm (\$)	60,003
More than one race	44		
		Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	96,266
All operators 2/ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	198	Average per farm (\$)	12,517

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.