

Massachusetts Agricultural Surveys Collection

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Background on the agricultural surveys

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Tobacco and Onion Surveys

1910-1911

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Hampshire County and individual towns.

Towns

Amherst

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Deerfield

Box 1

Hadley

Box 1

Hatfield

Box 1

South Deerfield

Box 1

Southwick

Box 1

Sunderland

Box 1
Westfield

Box 1
Farm Management Surveys

Conducted by USDA Bureau of Plant Industry and Office of the Secretary

Counties

Barnstable Co.

1919

Box 1

Bristol Co.

1915-1917

Box 1

Essex Co. (Newburyport and Rowley)

1914-1916, 1921

Box 1

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1915-1916

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Hampden Co.

1915

Box 2

Hampshire Co.

1915

Box 2

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1916-1917

Box 2

Plymouth Co.

1915-1916, 1921

Box 2

Towns

Acushnet

1921

Box 3

Bolton, Berlin, and Stowe

1913, 1915

Box 1

Boxboro

1920-1923

Box 3

Easton

1915

Box 1

Falmouth

1921

Box 3

Granville

1920-1921

Box 3

Hancock

1923

Box 3
Heath
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1938
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Conducted by: M.S.C. Extension Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and The Mass. Milk Control Board Cooperating.

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Base map, negatives and unidentified

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Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research. Individual names contained in the field surveys should be used with discretion.

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