

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 35,988 acres in 1992 to 34,171 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 257 acres in 1992 to 242 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 72 farms in 1992 to 68 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

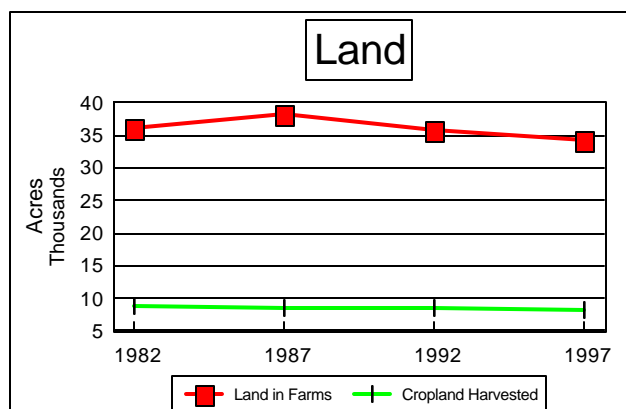
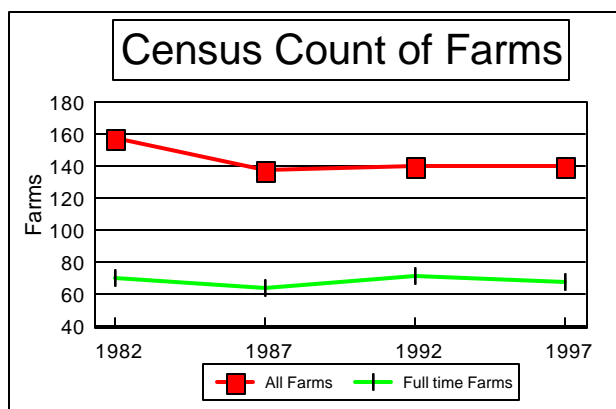
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 1 percent from \$39,994 in 1992 to \$39,440 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	5,561	15	16	2,732	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,846	14	16	2,479	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,715	14	16	2,564	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	3,525	7	16	792	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	690	6	16	533	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	393	10	16	1,831	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	326	15	16	1,523	2,790
Cattle and calves	229	12	16	2,906	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,218	11	16	2,788	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	519	7	16	1,216	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	7	13	349	1,593
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	15	16	1,463	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	62	13	16	2,677	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,396	11	16	2,707	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	651	9	16	1,242	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	393	16	16	1,872	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	138	12	15	928	2,549
Horse and pony inventory	124	14	16	2,793	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,681	12	16	2,177	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,315	6	16	898	2,473
Potatoes-acres	444	5	16	246	1,733
All nursery-acres	346	8	16	696	2,619
Total berries-acres	195	9	16	81	2,058

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	88	93	-5
\$10,000 or more	53	47	13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,883	4,053	20
Average per farmdollars..	35,131	29,156	20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	338	1,140	-70
Average per farmdollars..	2,434	8,202	-70
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	121	125	-3
Partnership or corporation	19	15	27
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	68	72	-6
Other	73	68	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	122	122	
Female	19	18	6
Operators by race:			
White	141	140	1
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	53.5	51.9	3

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

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.