

# 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 106,971 acres in 1992 to 101,270 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 259 acres in 1992 to 235 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 10 percent from 221 farms in 1992 to 244 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

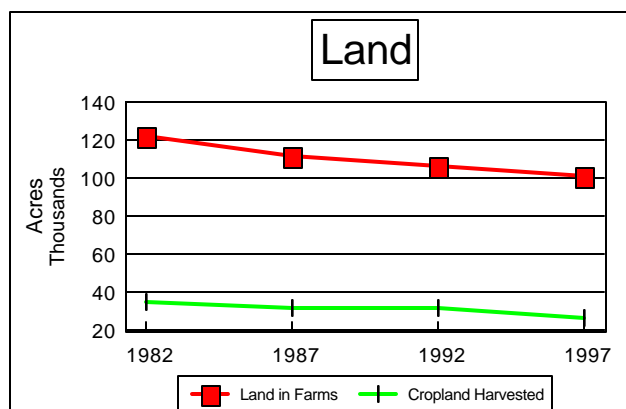
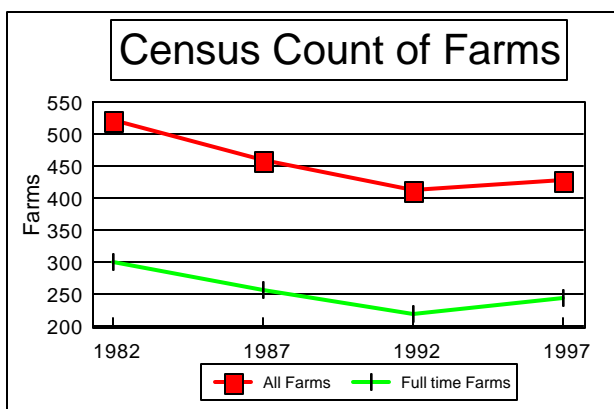
Increased 26 percent to \$24,727,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 21 percent from \$47,412 in 1992 to \$57,371 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	24,727	7	16	1,929	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	19,824	4	16	1,256	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,903	10	16	2,134	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	15,180	3	16	269	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,268	4	16	339	2,237
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	4	16	831	2,901
Aquaculture	(D)	3	12	73	1,505
Cattle and calves	1,009	5	16	2,537	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	90,292	6	16	493	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	6,195	1	16	1,978	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,055	4	16	1,796	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	4	16	454	1,353
Sheep and lambs sold	620	6	16	1,115	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	96,098	4	16	437	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	12,502	3	16	1,948	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	5	12	342	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	8	15	427	2,549
Sheep and lamb inventory	778	4	16	1,124	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	24,018	3	16	859	3,061
Maple trees tapped-acres	7,551	1	16	1	427
Corn for silage-acres	4,173	3	16	365	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	475	4	13	2,072	2,691
All nursery-acres	224	10	16	864	2,619

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	233	242	-4
\$10,000 or more .....	198	171	16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	19,123	16,590	15
Average per farm .....dollars..	44,575	40,169	11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	5,766	1,939	197
Average per farm .....dollars..	13,441	4,694	186
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	394	377	5
Partnership or corporation .....	37	35	6
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	244	221	10
Other .....	187	192	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	386	373	3
Female .....	45	40	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	431	413	4
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	52.4	52.5	-0

(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.