

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 94,755 acres in 1992 to 98,336 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 255 acres in 1992 to 246 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 10 percent from 132 farms in 1992 to 145 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

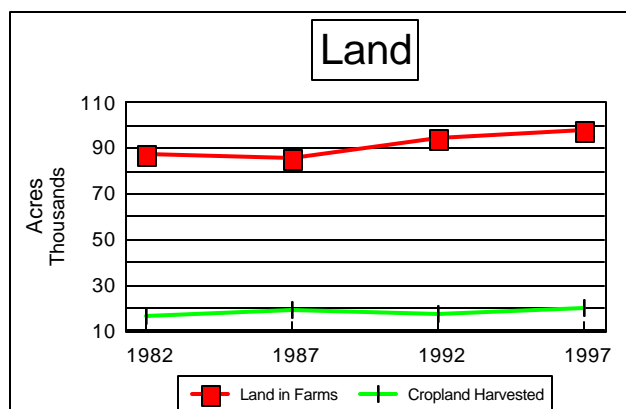
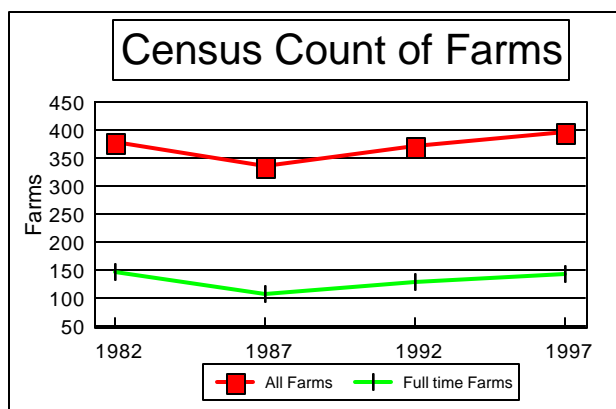
Increased 20 percent to \$43,074,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 12 percent from \$96,762 in 1992 to \$107,956 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	43,074	4	16	1,359	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	26,332	2	16	1,052	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	16,742	6	16	1,411	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	25,642	1	16	73	2,547
Aquaculture	(D)	1	12	10	1,505
Nursery and greenhouse crops	349	14	16	1,493	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	201	14	16	2,355	3,043
Dairy products	(D)	15	16	2,213	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Sheep and lambs sold	325	14	16	1,481	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	14	16	1,197	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	216	10	15	1,231	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	111	15	16	3,020	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	23	16	16	2,829	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	832	14	16	1,301	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	472	12	16	1,440	2,864
Cattle and calves inventory	390	15	16	2,998	3,064
Broiler inventory	390	7	16	1,051	2,620
Colony of bees inventory	240	5	16	785	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Total berries-acres	17,195	1	16	1	2,058
Hay crops-acres	2,899	15	16	2,581	3,061
All nursery-acres	141	13	16	1,058	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	83	13	16	1,325	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	54	14	16	1,366	2,693

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	257	191	35
\$10,000 or more	142	181	-22
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	27,798	23,338	19
Average per farmdollars..	69,668	62,906	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,927	12,164	23
Average per farmdollars..	37,410	32,788	14
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	353	332	6
Partnership or corporation	42	37	14
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	145	132	10
Other	254	240	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	341	321	6
Female	58	51	14
Operators by race:			
White	395	370	7
Black and other races	4	2	100
Average age of operator	56.3	53.8	5

(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.