

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



## FRANKLIN MAINE

### Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 38,853 acres in 1992 to 40,091 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 185 acres in 1992 to 180 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

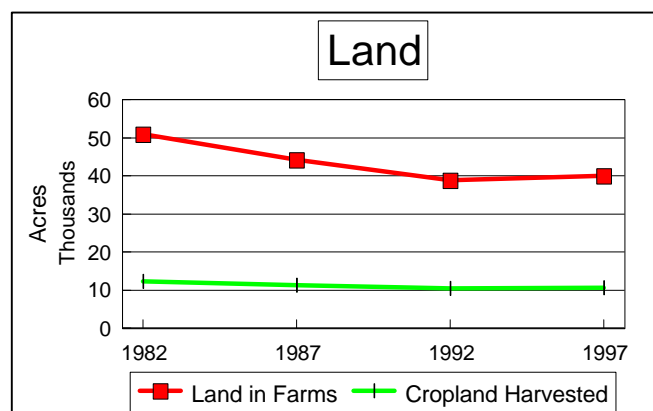
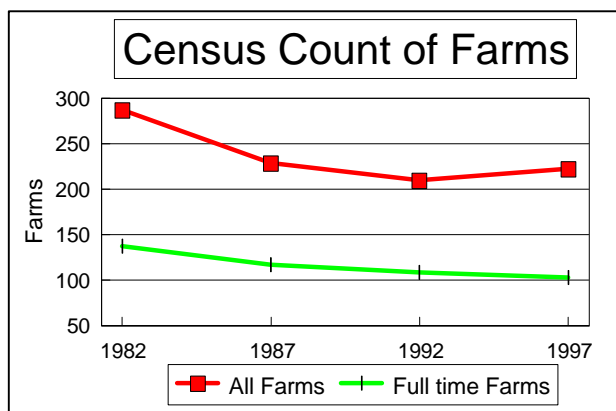
Decreased 6 percent from 109 farms in 1992 to 103 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

Decreased 26 percent to \$5,570,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 31 percent from \$35,966 in 1992 to \$24,976 in 1997.



# 1997 Census of Agriculture

## County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, New England Agricultural Statistics Service

### FRANKLIN MAINE

#### 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	5,570	14	16	2,731	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	(D)	12	16	2,434	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	(D)	16	16	2,641	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	3,267	9	16	823	2,563
Cattle and calves	441	9	16	2,793	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	421	12	16	496	2,547
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	387	11	16	1,854	3,043
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	9	16	1,148	2,901
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	12	16	813	2,203
Turkeys sold	(D)	1	16	415	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	1,691	9	16	2,700	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	648	4	13	284	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	426	9	16	1,346	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	8	16	769	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	5,134	8	16	2,570	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	656	8	16	1,235	2,864
Rabbit inventory	222	5	16	403	2,456
Horse and pony inventory	207	11	16	2,566	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	9,882	10	16	1,736	3,061
Maple trees tapped-acres	(D)	2	16	27	427
Corn for silage-acres	938	7	16	1,094	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	222	7	16	722	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	6	13	2,248	2,691

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 .....	147	130	13
\$10,000 or more .....	76	80	-5
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	5,535	5,892	-6
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,822	27,926	-11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	138	737	-81
Average per farm .....dollars..	617	3,494	-82
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	195	188	4
Partnership or corporation .....	26	21	24
Other .....	2	1	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	103	109	-6
Other .....	120	101	19
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	192	186	3
Female .....	31	24	29
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	223	210	6
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	56.1	54.3	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.