

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 95,402 acres in 1992 to 88,134 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 193 acres in 1992 to 194 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 259 farms in 1992 to 237 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

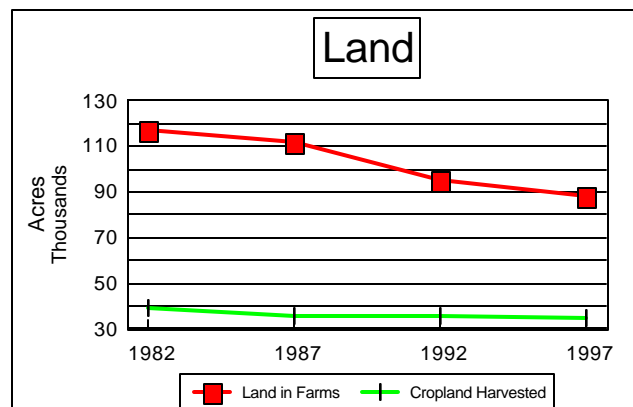
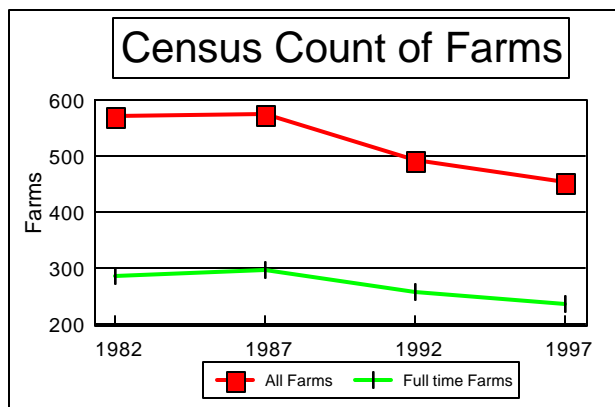
Increased 24 percent to \$45,181,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 34 percent from \$73,973 in 1992 to \$99,299 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	45,181	3	16	1,310	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	39,006	2	16	691	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	6,175	9	16	2,023	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	19,644	1	16	214	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	17,464	2	16	318	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,480	4	16	626	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,979	6	16	231	2,547
Cattle and calves	1,259	3	16	2,425	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	876,643	2	16	100	2,203
Rabbits and their pelts sold (D)		1	13	14	1,593
Cattle and calves sold	5,279	3	16	2,129	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	767	5	16	1,899	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	742	2	16	995	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	515,874	2	16	152	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	128,443	3	12	115	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory (D)		5	15	318	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	15,699	1	16	1,776	3,064
Rabbit inventory	1,091	1	16	70	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	30,484	1	16	664	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,238	2	16	357	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	665	4	16	406	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	542	3	13	2,035	2,691
All nursery-acres	369	7	16	666	2,619

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	267	283	-6
\$10,000 or more	188	211	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	33,272	30,929	8
Average per farmdollars..	73,124	62,483	17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,142	4,989	123
Average per farmdollars..	24,488	10,080	143
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	400	434	-8
Partnership or corporation	50	56	-11
Other	5	4	25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	237	259	-8
Other	218	235	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	399	446	-11
Female	56	48	17
Operators by race:			
White	454	494	-8
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	54.7	53.0	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.