

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 63,473 acres in 1992 to 63,959 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 183 acres in 1992 to 179 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 167 farms in 1992 to 171 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

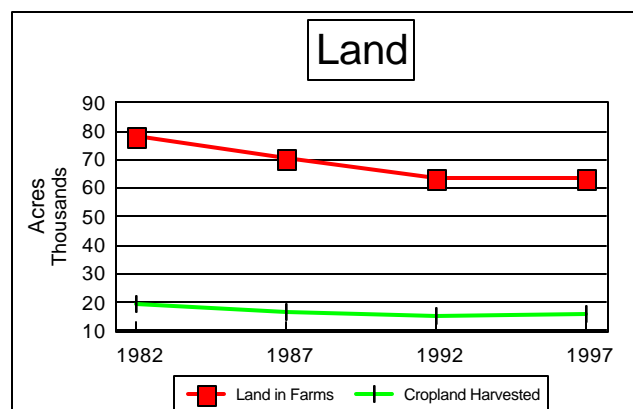
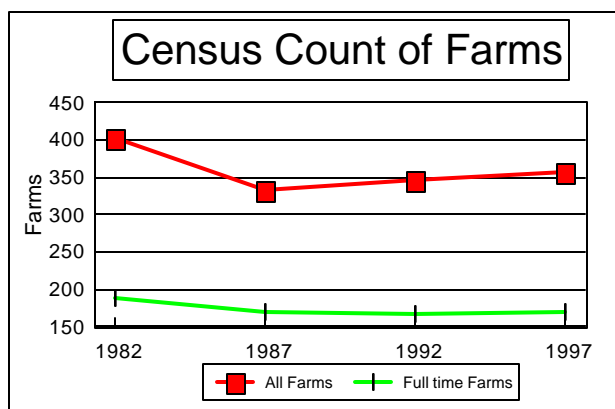
Increased 35 percent to \$19,549,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$41,933 in 1992 to \$54,607 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	19,549	8	16	2,127	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	10,398	5	16	1,728	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,152	8	16	1,921	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	3	16	600	2,901
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	3,568	3	16	276	2,237
Dairy products	3,451	8	16	801	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,801	3	16	581	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,074	5	16	225	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	276,210	4	16	275	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	1,468	10	16	2,732	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	1,156	3	13	186	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	734	6	16	1,911	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	349	13	16	1,445	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	3	16	297	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	4	12	165	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	2	15	197	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	4,176	10	16	2,654	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	3	16	426	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,964	9	16	1,734	3,061
Potatoes-acres	1,919	3	16	114	1,733
Corn for grain-acres	959	1	13	1,876	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	744	10	16	1,220	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	690	3	16	397	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	237	235	1
\$10,000 or more	121	111	9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	16,542	10,999	50
Average per farmdollars..	46,208	31,882	45
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,046	2,822	-27
Average per farmdollars..	5,714	8,180	-30
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	321	304	6
Partnership or corporation	36	39	-8
Other	1	3	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	171	167	2
Other	187	179	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	298	295	1
Female	60	51	18
Operators by race:			
White	357	345	3
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	54.7	53.7	2

(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.