

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 74,484 acres in 1992 to 75,134 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 144 acres in 1992 to 138 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 285 farms in 1992 to 275 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

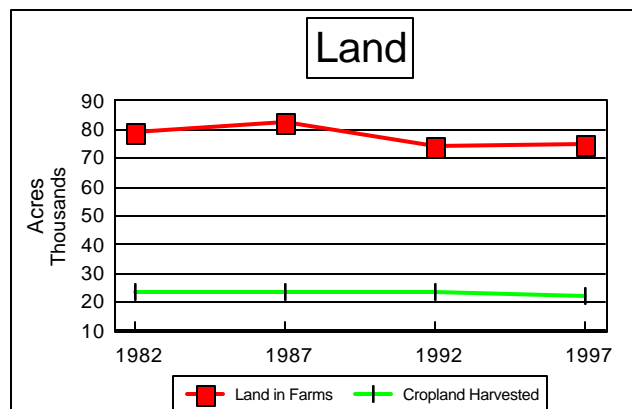
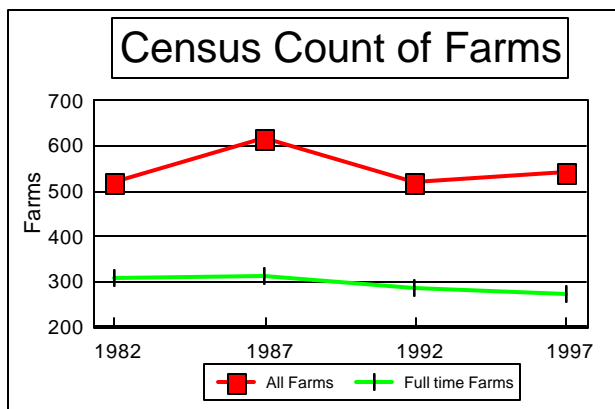
Increased 36 percent to \$40,704,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$57,857 in 1992 to \$74,962 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	40,704	4	14	1,417	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	25,074	6	14	1,090	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	15,630	2	12	1,477	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	12,200	2	11	313	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,759	5	14	242	2,790
Tobacco	6,599	3	4	134	580
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,204	5	14	216	2,739
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,121	2	13	352	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	21,110	3	12	177	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	2	11	714	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	5	12	868	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	4,638	2	12	2,222	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	8	11	433	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	3	12	792	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	11,996	2	12	1,980	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	5,005	2	12	244	2,884
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	2	12	412	2,549
Broiler inventory	2,443	1	12	688	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	14,018	3	13	1,362	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,297	2	11	352	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,422	5	14	360	2,741
All nursery-acres	1,260	1	14	238	2,619
Maple trees tapped-acres	990	1	9	35	427

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	311	284	10
\$10,000 or more	232	235	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	32,218	27,153	19
Average per farmdollars..	59,334	52,318	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,873	3,230	144
Average per farmdollars..	14,500	6,224	133
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	452	426	6
Partnership or corporation	85	90	-6
Other	6	3	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	275	285	-4
Other	268	234	15
Operators by sex:			
Male	457	457	
Female	86	62	39
Operators by race:			
White	539	517	4
Black and other races	4	2	100
Average age of operator	53.3	51.6	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.