

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



BELKNAP NEW HAMPSHIRE

Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 20,910 acres in 1992 to 20,612 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 21 percent from 142 acres in 1992 to 112 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 71 farms in 1992 to 68 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

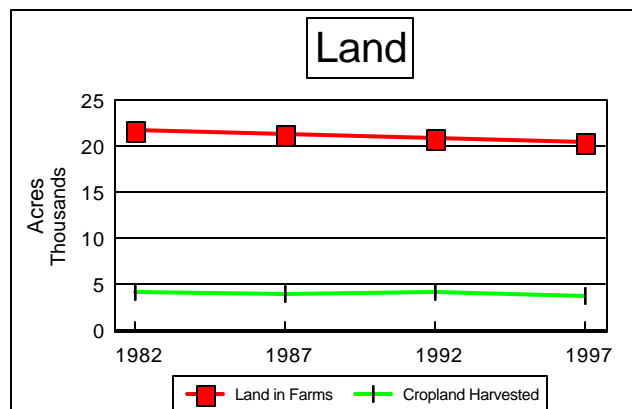
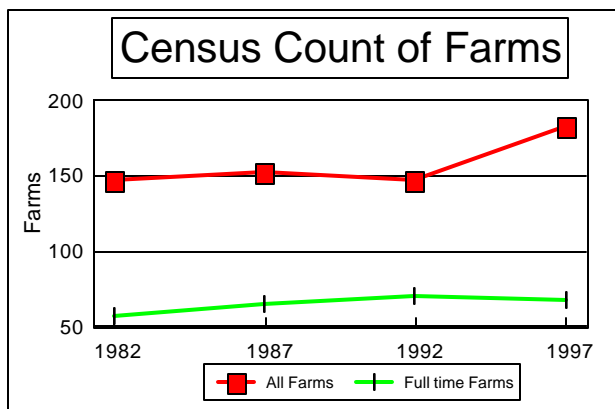
Increased 23 percent to \$3,666,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 1 percent from \$20,207 in 1992 to \$19,924 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 | 3,666 | 9 | 10 | 2,843 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 2,389 | 8 | 10 | 2,449 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 1,277 | 10 | 10 | 2,834 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 1,288 | 8 | 10 | 877 | 2,790 |
| Dairy products | 662 | 10 | 10 | 1,609 | 2,563 |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons | 481 | 6 | 10 | 759 | 2,739 |
| Poultry & poultry products | (D) | 5 | 10 | 1,177 | 2,901 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 269 | 10 | 10 | 2,155 | 3,043 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | (D) | 2 | 10 | 593 | 1,882 |
| Turkeys sold | (D) | 5 | 10 | 472 | 1,353 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 387 | 6 | 10 | 2,161 | 2,976 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 385 | 7 | 10 | 1,393 | 2,765 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 294 | 10 | 10 | 2,969 | 3,063 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Broiler inventory | (D) | 1 | 10 | 570 | 2,620 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 1,158 | 10 | 10 | 2,922 | 3,064 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 978 | 8 | 10 | 1,216 | 3,002 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 616 | 6 | 10 | 1,272 | 2,864 |
| Colony of bees inventory | (D) | 1 | 10 | 571 | 2,588 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 2,835 | 10 | 10 | 2,592 | 3,061 |
| Total berries-acres | (D) | 1 | 10 | 59 | 2,058 |
| Corn for silage-acres | 209 | 10 | 10 | 1,796 | 2,473 |
| Maple trees tapped-acres | 177 | 7 | 10 | 117 | 427 |
| Land used for vegetables-acres | 165 | 6 | 10 | 1,030 | 2,741 |

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 | 130 | 101 | 29 |
| \$10,000 or more | 54 | 46 | 17 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 3,640 | 2,902 | 25 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 19,891 | 19,874 | 0 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | (89) | 248 | -136 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | (489) | 1,702 | -129 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 164 | 127 | 29 |
| Partnership or corporation | 18 | 17 | 6 |
| Other | 2 | 3 | -33 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 68 | 71 | -4 |
| Other | 116 | 76 | 53 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 149 | 128 | 16 |
| Female | 35 | 19 | 84 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 184 | 147 | 25 |
| Black and other races | | | |
| Average age of operator | 52.2 | 53.5 | -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.