

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## MERRIMACK NEW HAMPSHIRE

### Land in farms

Increased 36 percent from 46,610 acres in 1992 to 63,417 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 135 acres in 1992 to 154 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 7 percent from 177 farms in 1992 to 189 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

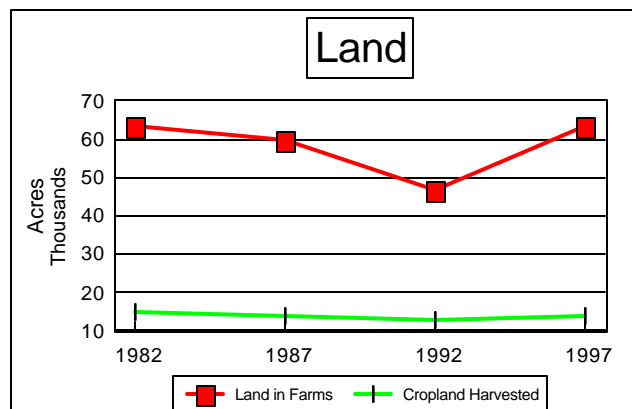
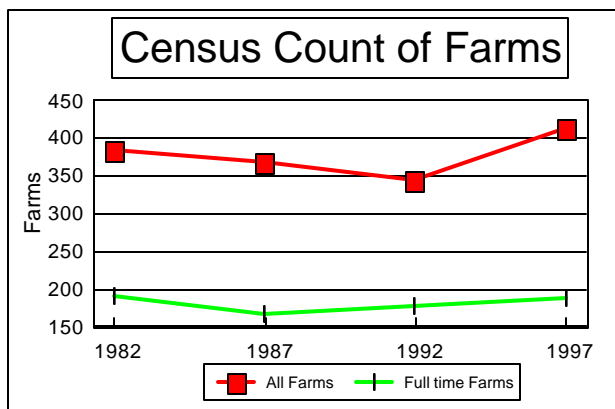
Increased 66 percent to \$29,239,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 39 percent from \$51,013 in 1992 to \$70,796 in 1997.



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### 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	29,239	1	10	1,752	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	20,710	1	10	1,234	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,529	3	10	1,995	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	17,379	1	10	126	2,790
Dairy products	6,864	2	10	502	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,058	3	10	881	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	999	3	10	544	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	891	3	10	340	2,547
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	3	10	657	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	1	8	343	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	6	10	912	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,378	2	10	2,589	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	2	10	426	1,353
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	1	10	8	2,884
Broiler inventory	(D)	2	10	619	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	6,273	2	10	2,461	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	5,175	5	10	850	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,108	2	10	1,560	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	10,169	2	10	1,704	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,212	1	10	461	2,473
Maple trees tapped-acres	730	4	10	45	427
All nursery-acres	403	4	10	622	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	354	3	10	569	2,693

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 .....	281	229	23
\$10,000 or more .....	132	117	13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	24,114	13,795	75
Average per farm .....dollars..	58,671	39,986	47
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	5,050	3,219	57
Average per farm .....dollars..	12,287	9,331	32
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	355	305	16
Partnership or corporation .....	53	39	36
Other .....	5	2	150
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	189	177	7
Other .....	224	169	33
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	334	289	16
Female .....	79	57	39
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	413	346	19
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	53.7	53.4	1

(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.