

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



ROCKINGHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 34,292 acres in 1992 to 35,465 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 101 acres in 1992 to 87 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 12 percent from 169 farms in 1992 to 189 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

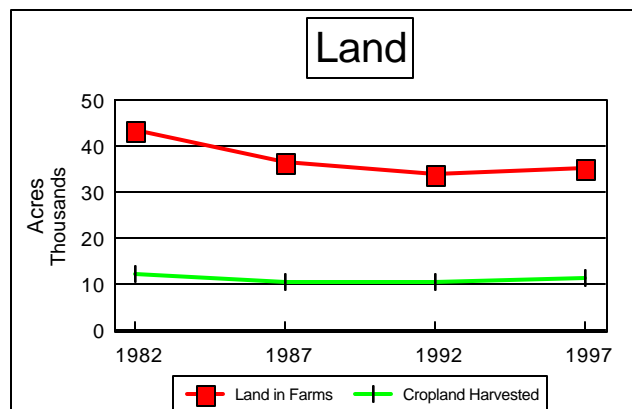
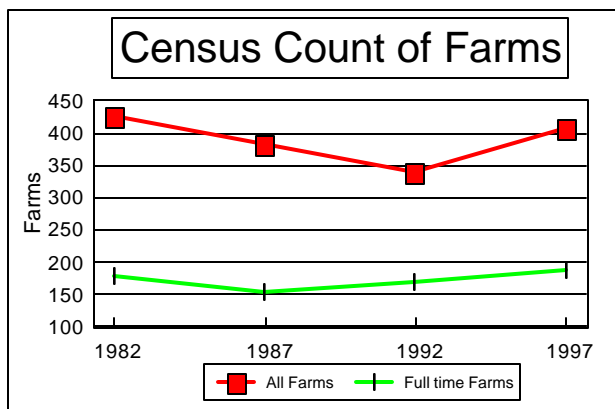
Increased 45 percent to \$16,770,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 21 percent from \$34,144 in 1992 to \$41,204 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	16,770	5	10	2,230	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	12,409	2	10	1,625	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,361	7	10	2,421	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,043	3	10	326	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	3,420	2	10	186	2,547
Dairy products	3,143	7	10	849	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,178	2	10	344	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	703	5	10	1,287	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	4	10	743	2,203
Turkeys sold	(D)	1	10	383	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	1,292	7	10	2,776	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	602	5	10	1,134	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	535	5	10	1,056	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	2	10	395	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	3	7	356	1,790
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,403	6	10	882	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	3,289	7	10	2,716	3,064
All turkeys inventory	1,469	1	10	374	2,361
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,030	4	10	1,806	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	817	2	10	358	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	805	2	10	515	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	802	8	10	1,171	2,473
All nursery-acres	451	3	10	581	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	231	16
\$10,000 or more	140	108	30
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,905	10,352	44
Average per farmdollars..	36,985	30,448	21
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,924	1,170	64
Average per farmdollars..	4,774	3,441	39
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	345	288	20
Partnership or corporation	52	49	6
Other	10	2	400
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	189	169	12
Other	218	170	28
Operators by sex:			
Male	312	271	15
Female	95	68	40
Operators by race:			
White	404	338	20
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	54.5	53.1	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.