

1997 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



RHODE ISLAND

Land in farms

Increased 11 percent from 49,601 acres in 1992 to 55,256 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 76 acres in 1992 to 75 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 11 percent from 333 farms in 1992 to 370 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

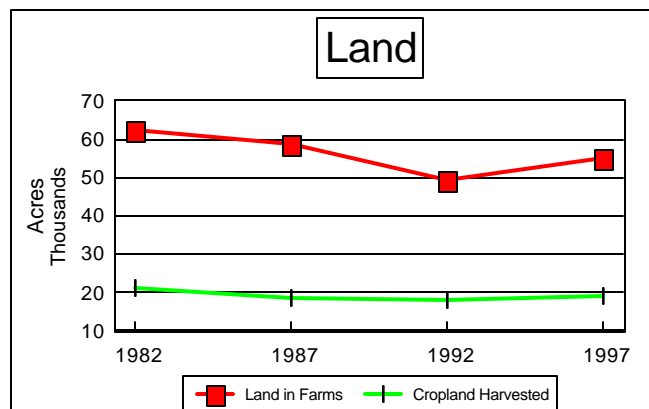
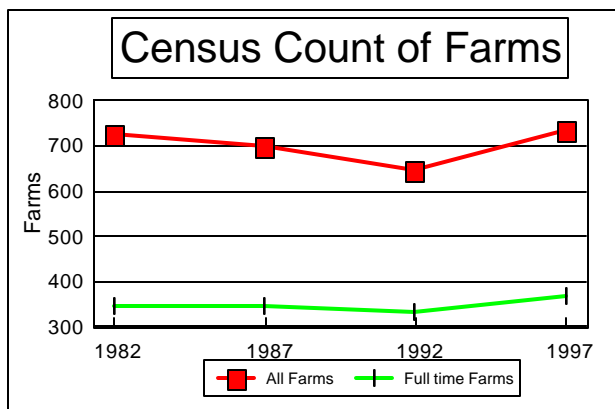
Increased 22 percent to \$48,200,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$60,882 in 1992 to \$65,578 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	48,200	49	50
Value of crops including nursery	39,423	49	50
Value of livestock and poultry	8,777	49	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Nursery and greenhouse crops	30,962	38	50
Dairy products	4,704	49	50
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,873	42	50
Poultry & poultry products	2,002	47	50
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,889	42	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	40	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	47	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	40	50
Turkeys sold	(D)	36	49
Hogs and pigs sold	4,951	49	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	57,722	47	50
Broiler inventory	(D)	38	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	44	50
Cattle and calves inventory	5,749	50	50
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,764	49	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Hay crops-acres	8,189	49	50
All nursery-acres	5,014	40	50
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	47	49
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,904	44	50
Potatoes-acres	788	38	50

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	392	375	5
\$10,000 or more	343	274	25
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	35,350	32,436	9
Average per farmdollars..	48,096	49,978	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,850	7,077	82
Average per farmdollars..	17,483	10,904	60
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	573	529	8
Partnership or corporation	152	115	32
Other	10	5	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	370	333	11
Other	365	316	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	620	559	11
Female	115	90	28
Operators by race:			
White	732	648	13
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	54.1	53.4	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.
* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.