

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



BRISTOL RHODE ISLAND

Land in farms

Increased 16 percent from 1,468 acres in 1992 to 1,710 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 15 percent from 54 acres in 1992 to 46 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 15 percent from 20 farms in 1992 to 23 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

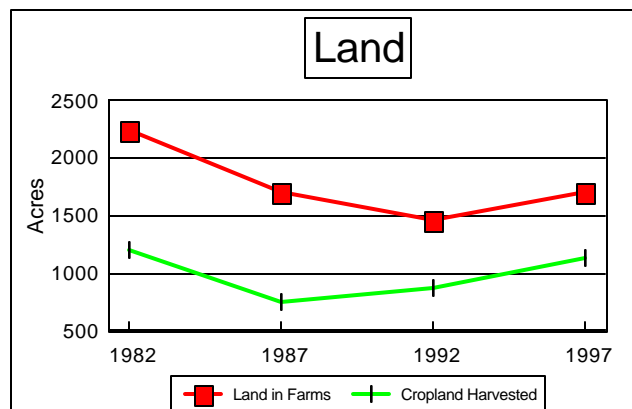
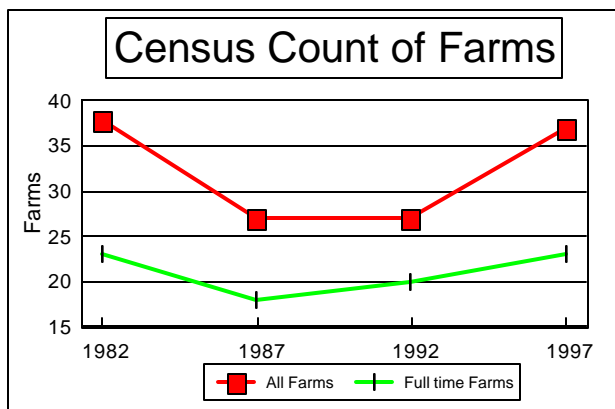
Increased 33 percent to \$2,790,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 3 percent from \$77,595 in 1992 to \$75,400 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	2,790	4	5	2,900	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	2,591	4	5	2,417	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	199	5	5	3,005	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	4	5	670	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	330	4	5	896	2,739
Dairy products	(D)	5	5	2,146	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	85	5	5	2,721	3,043
Cattle and calves	34	5	5	3,029	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	5	5	2,494	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	136	5	5	3,013	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	5	5	2,620	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	5	1,991	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	4	4	2,107	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	213	5	5	3,025	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	4	5	2,296	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	(D)	5	5	3,032	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	22	5	5	2,908	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	5	5	2,699	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	510	5	5	2,943	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	264	4	5	843	2,741
All nursery-acres	(D)	5	5	921	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	170	4	5	1,871	2,473
Total herbs-acres	(D)	1	3	358	649

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	19	9	111
\$10,000 or more	18	18	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,348	1,453	62
Average per farmdollars..	63,464	53,801	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	442	642	-31
Average per farmdollars..	11,937	23,794	-50
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	30	21	43
Partnership or corporation	7	6	17
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	23	20	15
Other	14	7	100
Operators by sex:			
Male	33	27	22
Female	4	-	
Operators by race:			
White	37	27	37
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.8	50.3	9

(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.