

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



KENT RHODE ISLAND

Land in farms

Increased 14 percent from 5,636 acres in 1992 to 6,437 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 81 acres in 1992 to 87 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 45 percent from 22 farms in 1992 to 32 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

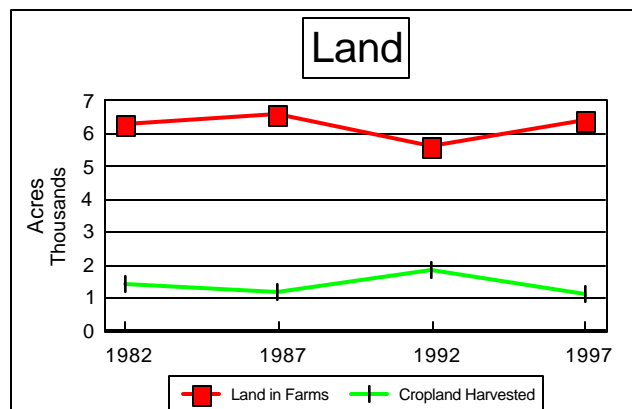
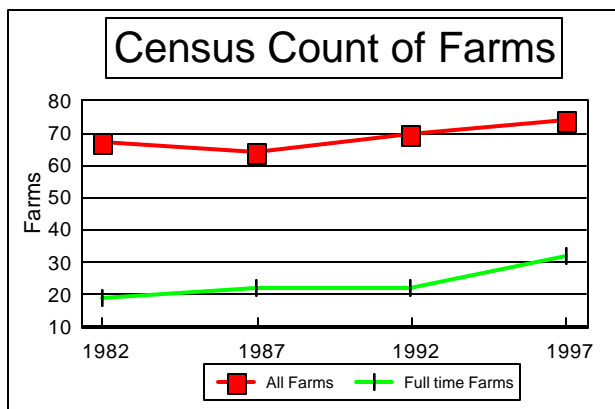
Increased 7 percent to \$2,685,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 2 percent from \$35,723 in 1992 to \$36,283 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	2,685	5	5	2,905	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	2,290	5	5	2,465	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	395	4	5	2,969	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	5	5	854	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	(D)	2	5	380	2,547
Dairy products	229	4	5	2,041	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	106	4	5	2,657	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	92	5	5	1,414	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	932	2	5	1,830	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	169	4	5	2,995	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	4	5	2,266	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	3	4	1,258	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	13	3	5	2,647	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	445	4	5	2,987	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	304	3	5	2,067	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	256	4	5	2,177	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	(D)	4	5	2,834	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	59	4	5	2,375	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	693	4	5	2,920	3,061
All nursery-acres	(D)	4	5	882	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	5	5	1,896	2,473
Total berries-acres	(D)	1	5	152	2,058
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	45	1	5	453	1,965

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	42	41	2
\$10,000 or more	32	29	10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,689	1,985	-15
Average per farmdollars..	22,822	28,363	-20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	996	515	93
Average per farmdollars..	13,461	7,360	83
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	60	54	11
Partnership or corporation	12	15	-20
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	32	22	45
Other	42	48	-13
Operators by sex:			
Male	63	61	3
Female	11	9	22
Operators by race:			
White	73	69	6
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	52.7	53.2	-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.