

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND

Land in farms

Increased 19 percent from 12,408 acres in 1992 to 14,733 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 53 acres in 1992 to 58 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 116 farms in 1992 to 118 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

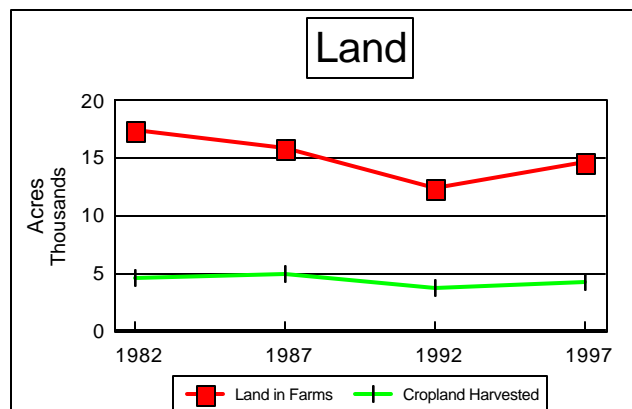
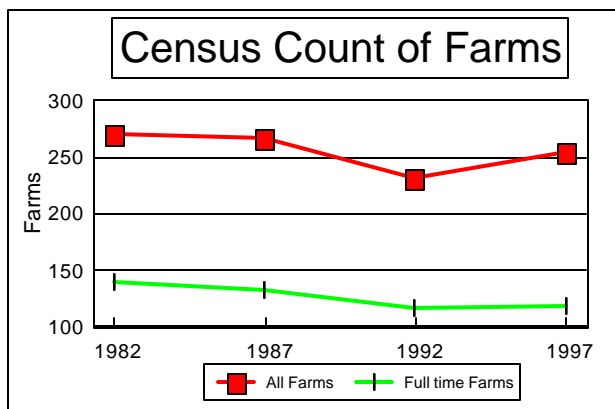
Increased 15 percent to \$9,672,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$36,156 in 1992 to \$37,928 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	9,672	3	5	2,520	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,262	3	5	2,012	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,409	1	5	2,532	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,453	3	5	517	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	1,771	1	5	830	2,901
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,723	1	5	391	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	767	1	5	368	2,547
Dairy products	737	3	5	1,562	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	1	3	635	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	52,699	1	4	621	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	1	5	134	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	3,156	1	5	1,396	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	2	3	435	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	54,513	1	5	564	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	1	3	607	2,620
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	1	5	139	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,402	1	5	1,474	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	1,132	3	5	2,924	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,534	2	5	2,634	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	659	1	5	578	2,741
All nursery-acres	395	3	5	634	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	322	3	5	1,640	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	287	1	4	639	2,693

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	148	144	3
\$10,000 or more	107	88	22
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	7,051	7,180	-2
Average per farmdollars..	27,649	30,950	-11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,621	1,208	117
Average per farmdollars..	10,279	5,206	97
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	206	194	6
Partnership or corporation	47	37	27
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	118	116	2
Other	137	116	18
Operators by sex:			
Male	216	197	10
Female	39	35	11
Operators by race:			
White	255	232	10
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	55.3	53.3	4

(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.