

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



WASHINGTON RHODE ISLAND

Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 20,458 acres in 1992 to 21,963 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 102 acres in 1992 to 95 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 11 percent from 99 farms in 1992 to 110 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

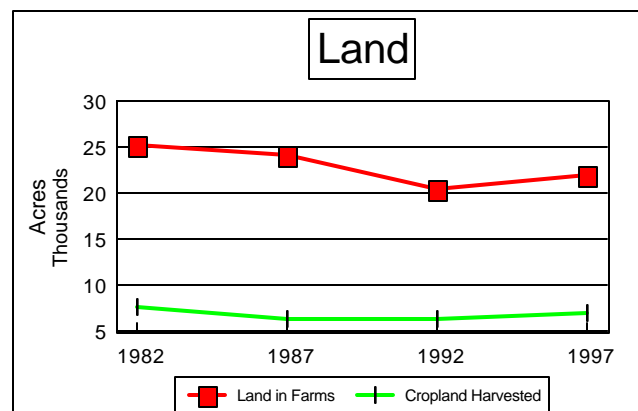
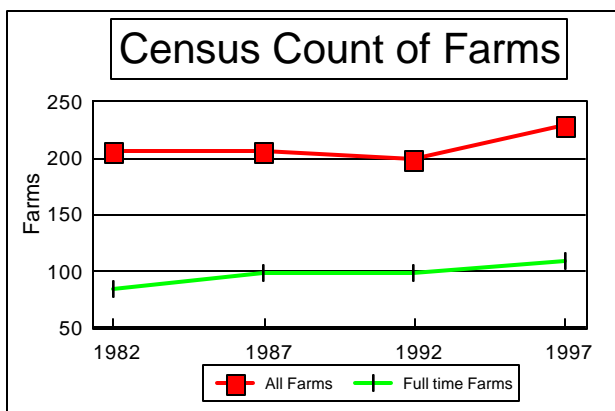
Increased 25 percent to \$18,542,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$74,093 in 1992 to \$80,617 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	18,542	1	5	2,168	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,525	1	5	1,416	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,016	3	5	2,726	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	14,843	1	5	144	2,790
Dairy products	1,390	2	5	1,242	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	943	2	5	556	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	468	1	5	1,671	3,043
Cattle and calves	254	1	5	2,892	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	691	2	5	2,893	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	377	1	4	422	1,593
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	262	2	5	1,101	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	258	2	5	1,595	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	246	4	5	2,332	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,849	2	5	2,854	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,391	3	5	1,051	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	761	2	5	803	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	430	1	5	1,482	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	369	2	5	1,976	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
All nursery-acres	3,074	1	5	76	2,619
Hay crops-acres	2,595	1	5	2,628	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,009	2	5	1,053	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	588	2	5	604	2,741
Total berries-acres	69	2	5	193	2,058

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	124	121	2
\$10,000 or more	106	79	34
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,143	12,110	17
Average per farmdollars..	61,490	60,548	2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,399	2,709	62
Average per farmdollars..	19,127	13,545	41
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	179	170	5
Partnership or corporation	48	28	71
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	110	99	11
Other	120	101	19
Operators by sex:			
Male	190	159	19
Female	40	41	-2
Operators by race:			
White	228	200	14
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	53.6	52.6	2

(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.