

Table 1. County Summary Highlights: 1997

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Item	Vermont	Addison	Bennington	Caledonia	Chittenden	Essex	Franklin
Farms number..	5 828	683	171	452	456	79	740
Land in farms acres..	1 262 155	204 985	32 374	94 255	83 355	25 497	190 215
Average size of farm acres..	217	300	189	209	183	323	257
Median size of farm acres..	140	200	100	144	100	240	190
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	323 107	389 290	324 613	270 979	443 038	303 091	327 550
Average per acre dollars..	1 520	1 281	1 833	1 475	2 214	939	1 247
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	49 046	75 180	43 509	39 787	42 463	54 406	62 716
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	354	44	22	19	40	5	28
10 to 49 acres	1 103	98	43	78	123	7	109
50 to 179 acres	1 925	180	55	176	137	18	218
180 to 499 acres	1 862	233	40	136	123	35	290
500 to 999 acres	469	92	5	39	23	10	76
1,000 acres or more	115	36	6	4	10	4	19
Total cropland farms..	5 065	624	143	413	382	72	650
Harvested cropland acres..	617 263	134 908	12 144	43 209	42 188	9 438	99 474
Irrigated land farms..	4 609	587	133	371	344	71	606
..... acres..	465 489	110 894	8 552	30 648	30 985	7 915	76 024
..... farms..	333	40	18	20	39	3	16
..... acres..	2 570	299	50	208	495	(D)	200
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000..	476 343	112 718	8 084	29 357	25 544	6 769	99 610
Average per farm dollars..	81 734	165 034	47 277	64 949	56 017	85 687	134 608
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000..	59 592	9 682	2 347	3 116	7 387	1 301	4 256
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	416 752	103 036	5 737	26 241	18 156	5 468	95 354
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500	1 504	125	58	110	132	18	109
\$2,500 to \$4,999	655	49	22	62	69	8	61
\$5,000 to \$9,999	704	61	22	57	66	10	77
\$10,000 to \$24,999	719	63	29	62	65	14	72
\$25,000 to \$49,999	344	36	7	23	18	3	36
\$50,000 to \$99,999	569	72	12	55	32	11	86
\$100,000 or more	1 333	277	21	83	74	15	299
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	371 207	90 470	6 282	21 627	19 668	5 593	78 892
Average per farm dollars..	63 935	132 849	36 950	47 954	43 321	70 795	106 899
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) farms..	5 806	681	170	451	454	79	738
..... \$1,000..	87 572	22 803	990	6 069	3 183	1 177	16 063
Average per farm dollars..	15 083	33 485	5 825	13 456	7 012	14 893	21 765
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	3 300	450	86	248	226	56	478
Other	2 528	233	85	204	230	23	262
Operators by days worked off farm:							
Any	2 835	274	94	232	219	24	305
200 days or more	1 685	163	58	146	145	16	198
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	3 203	424	69	252	172	45	533
..... number..	308 267	67 374	4 489	20 318	15 796	4 345	66 851
Beef cows farms..	1 057	114	43	84	64	13	91
..... number..	12 340	1 460	457	592	997	(D)	878
Milk cows farms..	1 940	308	29	152	92	32	380
..... number..	162 868	35 372	2 043	10 467	7 849	(D)	39 962
Cattle and calves sold farms..	2 958	412	60	236	164	42	518
..... number..	142 041	32 577	1 781	11 727	7 143	1 610	34 092
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	238	18	7	17	18	5	20
..... number..	2 900	287	33	95	90	17	114
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	140	10	2	14	11	3	13
..... number..	4 992	784	(D)	98	62	9	226
Sheep and lambs inventory farms..	451	44	21	37	38	4	30
..... number..	14 511	1 544	381	922	1 916	(D)	774
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) farms..	513	46	18	44	49	9	36
..... number..	256 074	(D)	565	1 168	(D)	(D)	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	57	2	2	5	8	-	6
..... number..	49 535	(D)	(D)	450	(D)	-	1 275
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for grain or seed farms..	131	37	7	5	9	-	29
..... acres..	8 233	2 612	132	148	568	-	2 113
Corn for silage or green chop bushels..	938 996	308 542	15 200	12 812	66 800	-	228 558
Oats for grain farms..	1 168	260	22	62	53	15	258
..... acres..	95 713	27 326	1 938	3 501	4 949	1 249	23 843
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) tons, green..	1 702 672	429 387	31 571	68 248	93 077	23 023	456 461
..... farms..	26	6	1	1	-	-	6
..... acres..	351	93	(D)	(D)	-	-	103
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) bushels..	13 659	5 273	(D)	(D)	-	-	2 684
Land in orchards farms..	3 782	473	82	315	259	59	552
..... acres..	385 562	87 083	6 340	28 095	26 973	6 096	55 279
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) tons, dry..	703 077	152 913	12 911	48 477	46 939	9 051	128 536
Land in orchards farms..	333	30	17	24	34	3	11
..... acres..	2 893	175	120	88	520	(D)	139
Land in orchards farms..	228	39	15	11	28	1	16
..... acres..	4 311	1 732	(D)	58	221	(D)	63

See footnotes at end of table.

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Item	Grand Isle	Lamoille	Orange	Orleans	Rutland	Washington	Windham	Windsor
Farms	107	297	537	569	530	344	305	558
Land in farms	21 036	48 967	98 352	144 154	125 770	56 290	46 818	90 087
Average size of farm	197	165	183	253	237	164	154	161
Median size of farm	105	107	130	180	148	110	93	100
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm	474 123	252 205	256 446	284 558	295 464	306 273	337 075	323 988
Average per acre	2 463	1 626	1 509	1 193	1 278	1 853	2 177	2 098
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :								
Average per farm	89 413	27 910	39 621	59 815	41 083	36 620	52 921	27 293
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	8	27	21	23	34	21	29	33
10 to 49 acres	23	65	91	82	90	78	77	139
50 to 179 acres	34	94	210	179	185	132	101	206
180 to 499 acres	28	93	178	218	153	101	84	150
500 to 999 acres	14	17	35	54	57	8	12	27
1,000 acres or more	—	1	2	13	11	4	2	3
Total cropland	101	241	465	511	465	277	260	461
Harvested cropland	15 982	19 702	41 541	74 331	52 797	23 166	18 529	29 854
Irrigated land	92	217	418	470	423	247	228	402
Market value of agricultural products sold	9 605	15 470	26 079	59 522	28 357	15 041	20 366	19 820
Average per farm	89 766	52 087	48 565	104 607	53 504	43 724	66 775	35 520
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	1 071	2 184	4 405	3 807	3 217	3 221	9 117	4 480
Livestock, poultry, and their products	8 534	13 286	21 674	55 715	25 140	11 820	11 250	15 340
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	25	89	164	101	161	122	78	212
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9	40	64	51	52	42	51	75
\$5,000 to \$9,999	21	39	62	66	52	41	46	84
\$10,000 to \$24,999	8	36	73	63	69	48	44	73
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4	19	35	40	48	22	14	39
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	23	43	83	50	31	23	38
\$100,000 or more	30	51	96	165	98	38	49	37
Total farm production expenses ¹	7 651	11 451	19 221	45 813	22 350	13 097	15 685	13 409
Average per farm	71 504	38 555	35 994	80 657	42 409	38 406	51 597	24 160
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text)	107	297	534	568	527	341	304	555
Average per farm	1 508	2 550	4 771	12 133	5 840	2 088	3 764	4 634
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming	69	139	297	377	293	178	146	257
Other	38	158	240	192	237	166	159	301
Operators by days worked off farm:								
Any	41	186	286	235	251	191	175	322
200 days or more	29	106	169	121	139	105	103	187
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory	69	126	299	365	316	160	110	263
Beef cows	6 384	10 019	18 242	44 280	21 606	10 015	7 140	11 408
Milk cows	18	40	99	85	116	80	50	160
Cattle and calves sold	(D)	348	1 292	804	1 796	827	363	2 032
Hogs and pigs inventory	33	74	181	265	179	76	55	84
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	5 747	8 708	24 947	10 261	4 554	3 537	3 688
Sheep and lambs inventory	59	115	266	342	282	136	92	234
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	3 398	4 642	7 130	18 048	7 788	3 827	3 861	4 417
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	5	5	31	26	19	15	14	38
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	26	15	160	375	238	92	640	718
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3	3	17	10	8	9	10	27
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	45	26	373	1 261	145	(D)	708	1 137
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3	19	54	24	50	28	40	59
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	816	1 847	625	1 160	513	2 476	1 358
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	6	25	49	50	44	33	38	66
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	(D)	2 094	1 478	1 877	1 163	1 294	1 961
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	—	9	4	3	1	4	4	9
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	—	542	118	104	(D)	800	422	1 384
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed	9	3	7	3	12	4	3	3
Corn for silage or green chop	758	(D)	254	137	701	288	(D)	162
Oats for grain	88 686	(D)	31 373	9 400	85 163	29 784	(D)	19 560
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	32	37	102	72	151	30	28	46
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	2 525	2 677	4 496	8 710	7 353	2 123	2 701	2 322
Land in orchards	39 884	43 074	85 621	164 472	125 287	37 170	60 515	44 882
Land in orchards	1	2	1	4	—	3	1	—
Land in orchards	(D)	(D)	(D)	65	—	44	(D)	—
Land in orchards	(D)	(D)	(D)	1 730	—	2 418	(D)	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	79	157	358	410	358	194	155	331
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	9 714	11 216	28 321	49 358	33 477	14 352	10 131	19 127
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	17 414	19 217	46 637	94 433	58 393	24 286	17 318	26 552
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	12	12	27	17	45	29	36	36
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	63	47	331	(D)	314	258	482	298
Land in orchards	6	7	19	9	15	11	26	25
Land in orchards	150	16	91	65	149	70	1 067	292

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.