

1997 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 1,278,525 acres in 1992 to 1,262,155 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 235 acres in 1992 to 217 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 3,502 farms in 1992 to 3,300 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

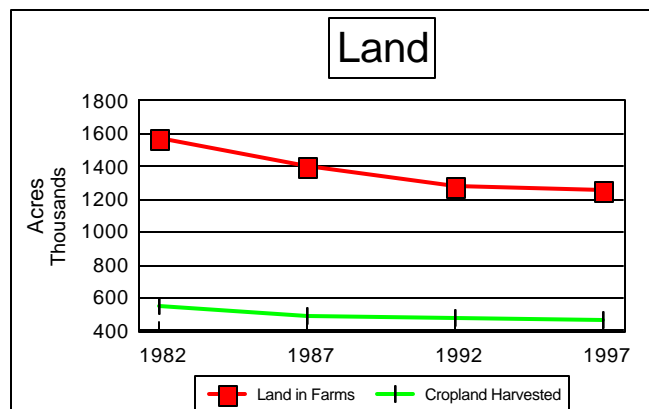
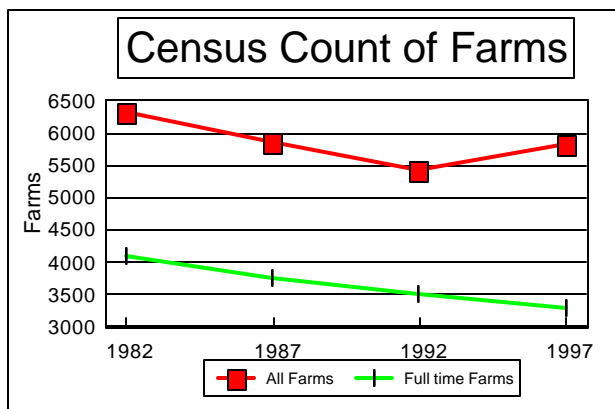
Increased 15 percent to \$476,343,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 7 percent from \$76,389 in 1992 to \$81,734 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	476,343	42	50
Value of livestock and poultry	416,752	40	50
Value of crops including nursery	59,592	48	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Dairy products	352,556	14	50
Cattle and calves	35,859	41	50
Nursery and greenhouse crops	18,588	45	50
Aquaculture	17,029	11	50
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	14,085	39	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	248,167	43	50
Cattle and calves sold	142,041	40	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	128,912	30	50
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	49,535	41	50
Turkeys sold	36,538	30	49
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Cattle and calves inventory	308,267	40	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	254,695	44	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	55,839	29	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	44	50
Broiler inventory	14,554	41	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Hay crops-acres	385,562	36	50
Corn for silage-acres	95,713	19	49
Maple trees tapped-acres	29,952	1	21
Corn for grain-acres	8,233	42	48
All nursery-acres	6,042	35	50

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	2,863	2,444	17
\$10,000 or more	2,965	2,992	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	371,207	340,482	9
Average per farmdollars..	63,935	62,612	2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	87,572	71,810	22
Average per farmdollars..	15,083	13,205	14
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	4,915	4,665	5
Partnership or corporation	856	731	17
Other	57	40	43
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	3,300	3,502	-6
Other	2,528	1,934	31
Operators by sex:			
Male	5,046	4,777	6
Female	782	659	19
Operators by race:			
White	5,801	5,418	7
Black and other races	27	18	50
Average age of operator	53.1	51.4	3

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.