

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 149,503 acres in 1992 to 144,154 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 272 acres in 1992 to 253 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 426 farms in 1992 to 377 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

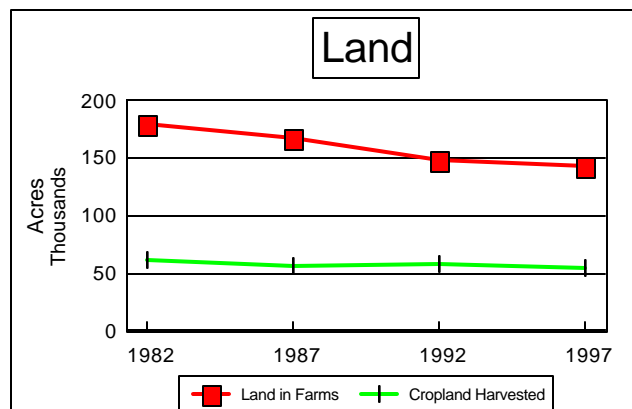
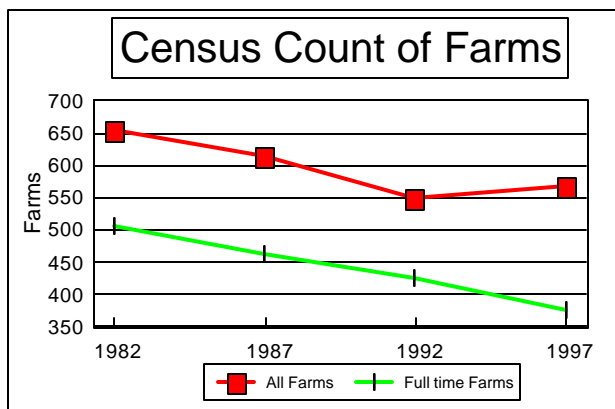
Increased 9 percent to \$59,522,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$99,899 in 1992 to \$104,607 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	59,522	3	14	995	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	55,715	3	14	440	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,807	7	14	2,263	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	50,768	3	14	73	2,563
Cattle and calves	4,383	3	14	1,562	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,957	2	14	413	3,043
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	932	4	14	482	2,237
Nursery and greenhouse crops	743	12	14	1,132	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	18,048	3	14	1,087	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,261	1	14	1,742	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	5	12	733	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	4	8	286	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	347	11	14	1,451	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	44,280	3	14	718	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,299	8	14	1,074	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	625	10	14	1,264	2,864
Broiler inventory	542	7	13	936	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	375	3	14	1,988	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	49,358	3	14	272	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	8,710	3	14	147	2,473
Maple trees tapped-acres	3,334	3	14	5	427
All nursery-acres	1,033	2	14	292	2,619
Sorghum for silage-acres	(D)	1	4	379	1,323

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	218	152	43
\$10,000 or more	351	397	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	45,813	43,324	6
Average per farmdollars..	80,657	78,771	2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,133	11,208	8
Average per farmdollars..	21,360	20,379	5
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	509	491	4
Partnership or corporation	59	57	4
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	377	426	-12
Other	192	123	56
Operators by sex:			
Male	507	506	0
Female	62	43	44
Operators by race:			
White	568	548	4
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	52.7	49.6	6

(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.