

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 58,891 acres in 1992 to 56,290 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 178 acres in 1992 to 164 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 5 percent from 170 farms in 1992 to 178 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

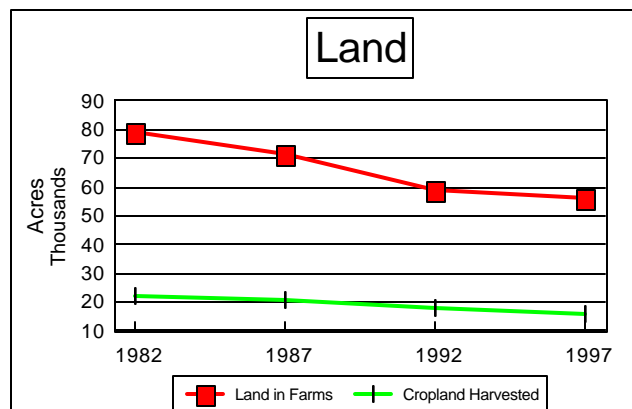
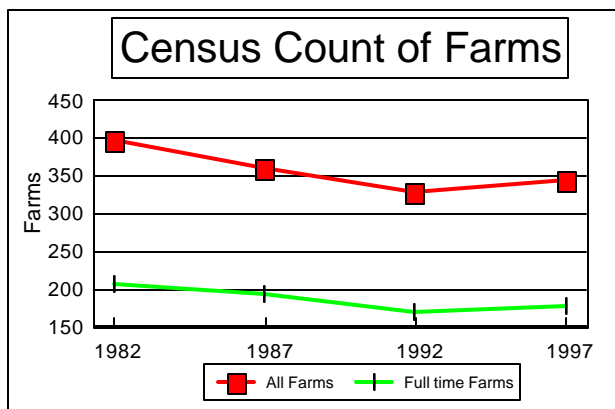
Increased 18 percent to \$15,041,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 13 percent from \$38,654 in 1992 to \$43,724 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	15,041	11	14	2,298	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,820	10	14	1,727	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,221	8	14	2,335	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	10,388	9	14	365	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,470	5	14	819	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,186	9	14	2,451	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	646	10	14	1,374	3,043
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	642	6	14	549	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,827	11	14	2,346	3,063
Turkeys sold	1,141	3	13	443	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	800	6	12	985	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	8	12	886	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	463	10	14	1,298	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,015	10	14	2,150	3,064
Broiler inventory	1,356	4	13	744	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,007	11	14	1,197	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	3	13	552	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	599	7	14	1,337	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	14,352	9	14	1,340	3,061
Maple trees tapped-acres	2,307	7	14	11	427
Corn for silage-acres	2,123	12	14	658	2,473
All nursery-acres	342	9	14	703	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	288	7	13	2,190	2,691

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	205	205	
\$10,000 or more	139	125	11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,097	10,845	21
Average per farmdollars..	38,406	32,963	17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,088	1,720	21
Average per farmdollars..	6,123	5,229	17
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	293	286	2
Partnership or corporation	51	42	21
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	178	170	5
Other	166	160	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	283	262	8
Female	61	68	-10
Operators by race:			
White	342	330	4
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	55.0	53.3	3

(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.