

# 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 33,682 acres in 1992 to 32,374 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 219 acres in 1992 to 189 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 8 percent from 80 farms in 1992 to 86 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

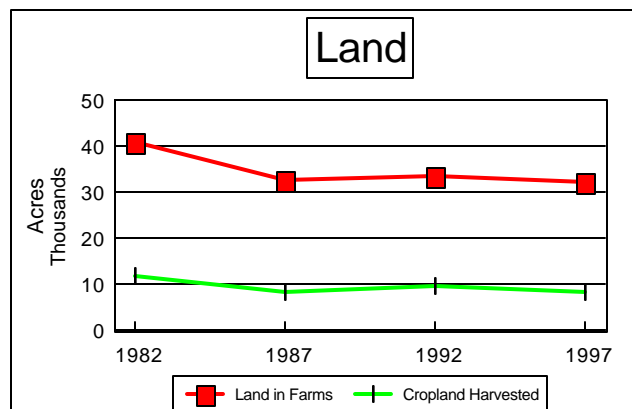
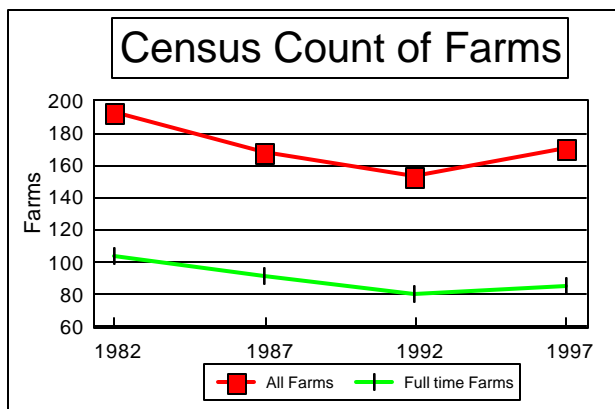
Increased 21 percent to \$8,084,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$43,412 in 1992 to \$47,277 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	8,084	13	14	2,612	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,737	13	14	2,273	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,347	11	14	2,456	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	4,753	14	14	658	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	977	8	14	987	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	(D)	3	13	405	2,547
Cattle and calves	522	13	14	2,754	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	5	10	227	1,505
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	12	545	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	1,781	13	14	2,687	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	5	12	972	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	4	13	483	1,353
Sheep and lambs sold	274	12	14	1,567	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,489	13	14	2,624	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	3	14	379	2,884
Broiler inventory	(D)	5	13	782	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	503	12	14	1,683	3,002
All turkeys inventory	(D)	2	13	405	2,361
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	6,340	13	14	2,108	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,938	13	14	703	2,473
Maple trees tapped-acres	1,322	11	14	24	427
All nursery-acres	362	8	14	673	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	(D)	3	14	609	2,693

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	102	100	2
\$10,000 or more .....	69	54	28
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	6,282	6,009	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	36,950	38,769	-5
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	990	667	48
Average per farm .....dollars..	5,825	4,306	35
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	139	124	12
Partnership or corporation .....	28	23	22
Other .....	4	7	-43
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	86	80	8
Other .....	85	74	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	147	132	11
Female .....	24	22	9
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	171	154	11
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	54.0	53.4	1

(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.