

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



FRANKLIN VERMONT

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 203,503 acres in 1992 to 190,215 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 280 acres in 1992 to 257 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 562 farms in 1992 to 478 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

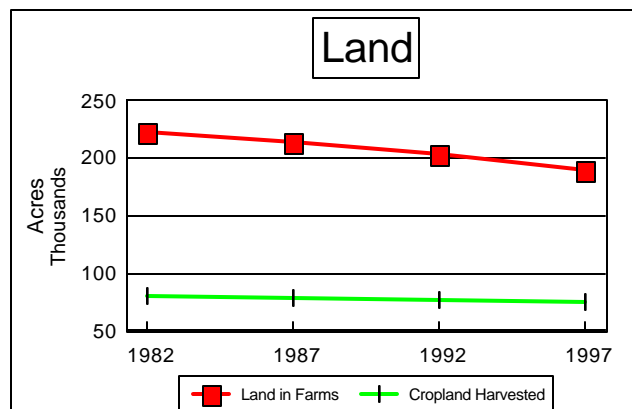
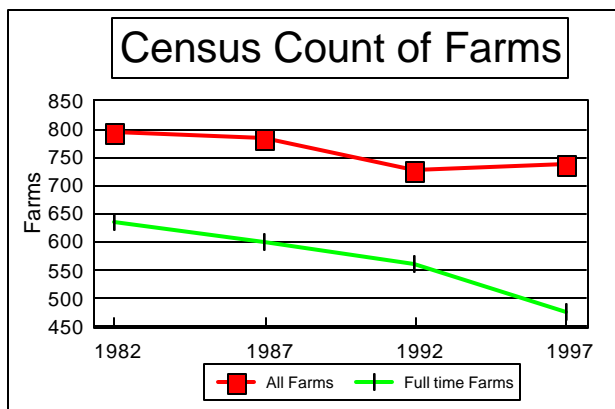
Increased 6 percent to \$99,610,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$129,268 in 1992 to \$134,608 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	99,610	2	14	520	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	95,354	2	14	204	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,256	6	14	2,206	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	84,676	1	14	31	2,563
Cattle and calves	8,494	2	14	1,028	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	2	14	814	2,901
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,636	3	14	510	3,043
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	1,578	1	14	400	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	1	12	429	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	34,092	1	14	533	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,275	4	12	890	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	606	9	14	1,130	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	401	9	12	994	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	1	14	391	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	66,851	2	14	363	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,104	6	14	652	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	774	9	14	1,130	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	622	6	14	1,293	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	55,279	2	14	215	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	23,843	2	14	23	2,473
Maple trees tapped-acres	4,281	1	14	3	427
Corn for grain-acres	2,113	2	13	1,625	2,691
All nursery-acres	142	13	14	1,054	2,619

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	247	178	39
\$10,000 or more	493	550	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	78,892	74,338	6
Average per farmdollars..	106,899	102,253	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	16,063	18,916	-15
Average per farmdollars..	21,765	26,019	-16
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	610	619	-1
Partnership or corporation	122	106	15
Other	8	3	167
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	478	562	-15
Other	262	166	58
Operators by sex:			
Male	687	671	2
Female	53	57	-7
Operators by race:			
White	739	727	2
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	50.4	48.8	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.