

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 93,364 acres in 1992 to 98,352 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 195 acres in 1992 to 183 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 309 farms in 1992 to 297 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

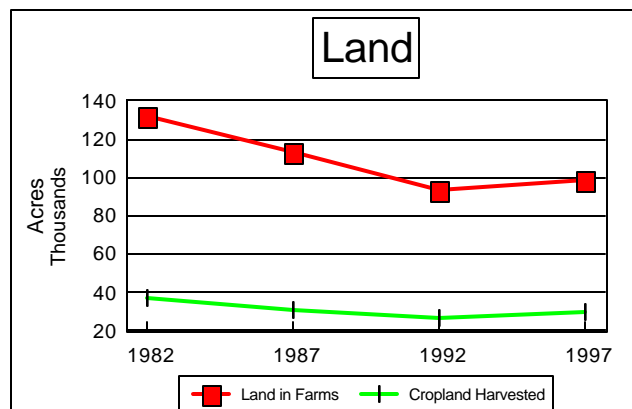
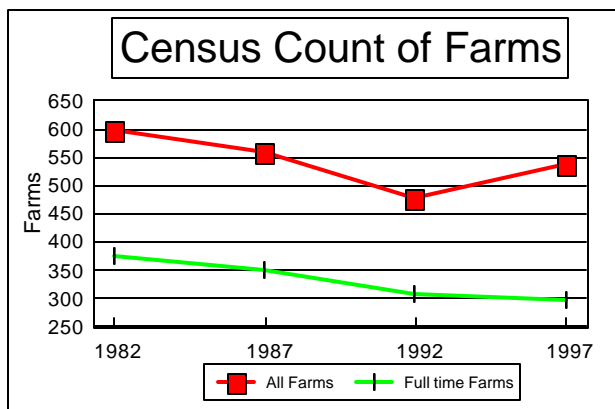
Increased 5 percent to \$26,079,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 6 percent from \$51,584 in 1992 to \$48,565 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	26,079	6	14	1,882	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	21,674	6	14	1,161	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,405	5	14	2,187	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	19,064	6	14	222	2,563
Cattle and calves	1,896	6	14	2,196	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,760	2	14	747	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,298	4	14	691	3,043
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	631	7	14	557	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	7,130	7	14	1,877	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,188	5	14	722	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	373	5	14	2,176	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	369	6	12	1,113	2,203
Turkeys sold	278	6	13	513	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	18,242	6	14	1,624	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,890	5	14	974	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,847	3	14	589	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	968	3	14	782	3,066
Broiler inventory	723	6	13	855	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	28,321	5	14	719	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,496	6	14	336	2,473
Maple trees tapped-acres	1,401	10	14	22	427
Land used for vegetables-acres	332	3	14	773	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	254	8	13	2,211	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	290	235	23
\$10,000 or more	247	245	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	19,221	20,003	-4
Average per farmdollars..	35,994	41,501	-13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,771	4,038	18
Average per farmdollars..	8,934	8,378	7
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	459	425	8
Partnership or corporation	73	53	38
Other	5	2	150
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	297	309	-4
Other	240	171	40
Operators by sex:			
Male	454	424	7
Female	83	56	48
Operators by race:			
White	532	476	12
Black and other races	5	4	25
Average age of operator	54.0	53.2	2

(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.