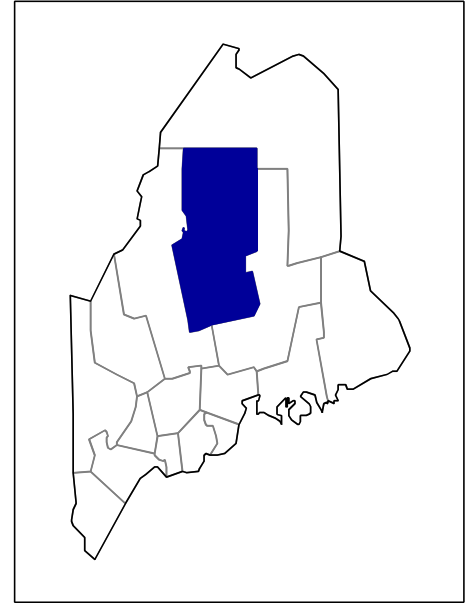


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Number of farms

201 farms in 2002, 178 farms in 1997, up 13 percent.

Land in farms

39,399 acres in 2002, 37,351 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Average size of farm

196 acres in 2002, 210 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$3,834,000 in 2002, \$5,753,000 in 1997, down 33 percent.

Crop sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

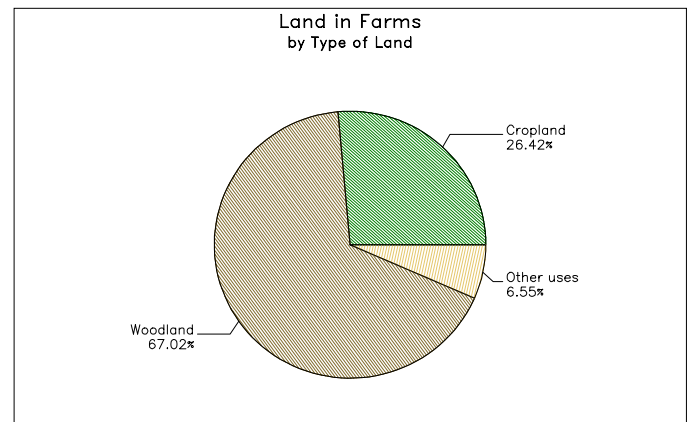
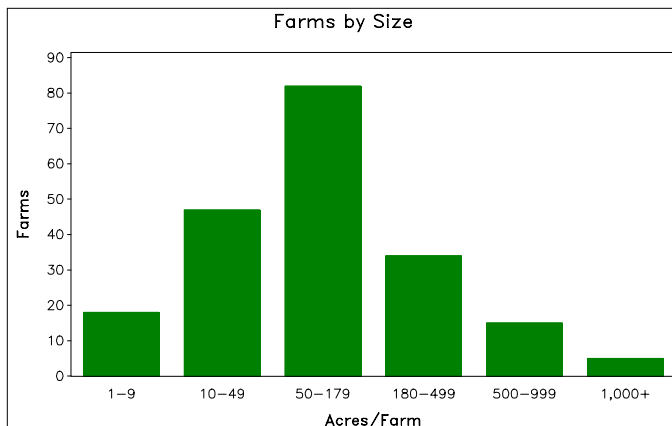
\$19,075 in 2002, \$32,323 in 1997, down 41 percent.

Government Payments

\$127,000 in 2002, \$66,000 in 1997, up 92 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,063 in 2002, \$3,281 in 1997, up 54 percent.



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Ranked items among the 16 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,834	16	16	2,832	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	684	8	16	887	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	179	16	16	965	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	91	16	16	2,108	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	277	3	16	197	1,774
Other crops and hay	265	13	16	2,378	3,046
Poultry and eggs	35	12	16	1,558	2,918
Cattle and calves	232	12	16	2,890	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,935	10	16	1,041	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10	13	16	2,304	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	14	16	2,268	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	17	16	16	2,812	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	11	15	16	1,793	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,739	12	16	2,839	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	977	14	16	1,413	2,983
Pigeons	304	1	9	167	1,368
Horses and ponies	243	16	16	2,733	3,065
Quail ³	(D)	(D)	7	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,346	13	16	2,394	3,059
Corn for silage	887	6	14	1,158	2,307
Cut Christmas trees	343	3	16	271	1,877
Potatoes	330	4	16	252	1,551
All Berries	143	10	16	99	2,019

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	83	Farming	53
\$1,000 to \$2,499	22	Other	148
\$2,500 to \$4,999	32	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	Male	168
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12	Female	33
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	51.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	White	322
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,669	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	18,531	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	15
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	345		
Average per farm (\$)	1,744		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.