



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Franklin, Maine

Number of farms

317 farms in 2002, 292 farms in 1997, up 9 percent.

Land in farms

49,805 acres in 2002, 44,797 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Average size of farm

157 acres in 2002, 153 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$5,983,000 in 2002, \$5,719,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,448,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,535,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

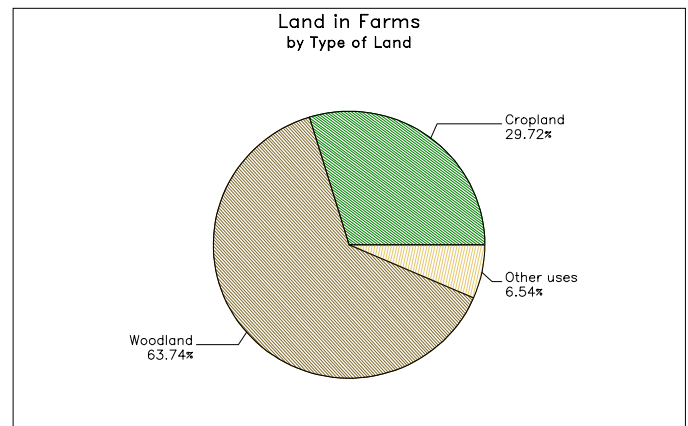
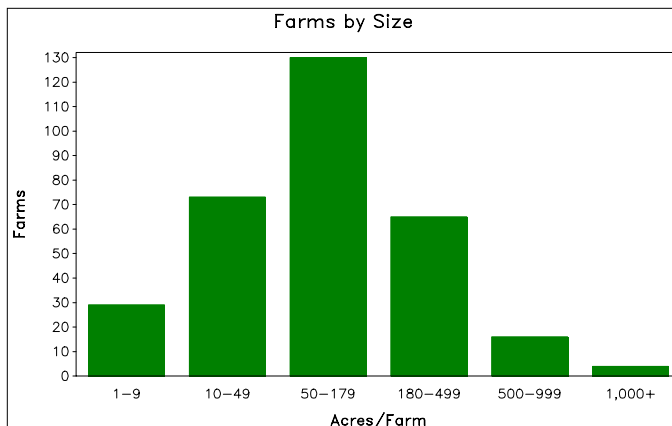
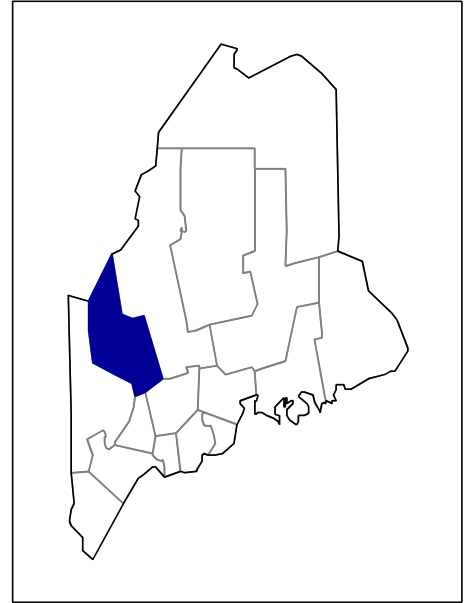
\$18,874 in 2002, \$19,585 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$287,000 in 2002, \$121,000 in 1997, up 137 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,419 in 2002, \$3,265 in 1997, up 66 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	5,983	13	16	2,710	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,448	16	16	2,615	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,535	9	16	2,388	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	129	15	16	1,580	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	322	14	16	693	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	441	14	16	1,481	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	492	10	16	1,912	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,306	5	16	2,431	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,937	6	16	845	2,493
Hogs and pigs	34	5	16	1,839	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	62	10	16	2,211	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	15	14	16	1,652	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	4,068	7	16	2,614	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,028	12	16	1,365	2,983
Horses and ponies	563	10	16	2,021	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	407	12	16	1,182	2,599
Sheep and lambs	271	14	16	1,814	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,979	10	16	1,775	3,059
Corn for silage	190	11	14	1,784	2,307
Apples	188	8	16	241	2,173
All Berries	159	9	16	94	2,019
Corn for grain	(D)	5	11	(D)	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	132	Farming	144
\$1,000 to \$2,499	39	Other	173
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	Male	227
\$10,000 to \$19,999	25	Female	90
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	White	499
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,274	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	19,980	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	576		
Average per farm (\$)	1,836		

(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.