

**Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997**

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Item	Maine	Androscoggin	Aroostook	Cumberland	Franklin
<b>FARMS</b>					
Land in farms	farms, 2002 7,196	334	1,084	596	317
	1997 7,404	367	1,051	604	292
	acres, 2002 1,369,768	55,782	391,675	54,455	49,805
	1997 1,313,066	61,089	338,231	57,556	44,797
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 4,869	241	595	374	205
	1997 5,966	297	793	500	230
	acres, 2002 394,121	17,569	146,944	15,313	10,998
	1997 426,711	18,707	145,074	21,294	11,488
<b>TENURE</b>					
Full owners	farms, 2002 5,242	230	741	438	244
	1997 5,055	247	626	420	195
	acres, 2002 715,764	29,825	159,695	29,779	32,066
	1997 662,622	31,707	139,921	30,725	22,064
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 3,239	156	281	245	144
	1997 3,919	193	385	330	144
	acres, 2002 100,051	5,323	21,140	4,525	3,084
	1997 122,930	5,873	32,494	7,499	3,292
Part owners	farms, 2002 1,604	90	290	135	63
	1997 1,931	104	341	149	84
	acres, 2002 596,358	24,685	209,535	22,994	16,359
	1997 605,782	28,823	184,267	23,662	21,783
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002 413,610	17,059	144,770	13,529	11,054
	1997 410,425	21,014	127,081	13,484	15,002
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002 182,748	7,626	64,765	9,465	5,305
	1997 195,357	7,809	57,186	10,178	6,781
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 1,424	75	268	115	54
	1997 1,774	95	332	140	78
	acres, 2002 262,766	11,335	105,899	10,064	7,011
	1997 279,890	12,672	100,095	11,691	7,613
Tenants	farms, 2002 350	14	53	23	10
	1997 418	16	84	35	13
	acres, 2002 57,646	1,272	22,445	1,682	1,380
	1997 44,662	559	14,043	3,169	950
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 206	10	46	14	7
	1997 273	9	76	30	8
	acres, 2002 31,304	911	19,905	724	903
	1997 23,891	162	12,485	2,104	583
<b>2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>					
Total operators	number 11,346	531	1,608	1,015	511
Farms by number of operators:					
1 operator	3,726	182	663	270	150
2 operators	2,993	131	350	267	147
3 operators	335	10	49	31	13
4 operators	106	6	18	22	7
5 or more operators	36	5	4	6	-
Total women operators	number 4,233	187	437	450	210
Farms by number of women operators:					
1 operator	3,616	156	369	348	177
2 operators	240	14	16	43	12
3 operators	39	-	8	4	3
4 operators	5	1	3	1	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
Sex of operator:					
Male	farms, 2002 5,637	262	965	409	227
	1997 6,250	330	975	463	251
	acres, 2002 1,243,921	51,856	367,809	43,931	40,453
	1997 1,213,478	58,753	329,698	47,837	40,092
Female	farms, 2002 1,559	72	119	187	90
	1997 1,154	37	76	141	41
	acres, 2002 125,847	3,926	23,866	10,524	9,352
	1997 99,588	2,336	8,533	9,719	4,705
Primary occupation:					
Farming	2002 3,409	185	481	259	144
	1997 3,324	175	564	247	120
Other	2002 3,787	149	603	337	173
	1997 4,080	192	487	357	172
Place of residence <sup>1</sup> :					
On farm operated	2002 6,304	290	860	539	276
	1997 5,983	310	815	491	246
Not on farm operated	2002 892	44	224	57	41
	1997 909	35	171	72	26
Days worked off farm <sup>1</sup> :					
None	2002 2,839	137	476	194	133
	1997 2,624	156	479	197	109
Any	2002 4,357	197	608	402	184
	1997 4,404	195	534	378	174
1 to 49 days	2002 427	20	64	25	23
	1997 487	18	74	32	22
50 to 99 days	2002 273	22	32	17	9
	1997 290	17	34	19	13
100 to 199 days	2002 709	25	108	66	27
	1997 (NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002 2,948	130	404	294	125
	1997 2,747	129	316	245	115

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Item	Hancock	Kennebec	Knox	Lincoln	Oxford	Penobscot
<b>FARMS</b>						
Land in farms						
farms, 2002	317	575	275	292	469	575
1997	409	567	245	282	459	660
acres, 2002	49,587	86,168	28,581	30,618	67,406	107,082
1997	48,657	96,958	27,789	30,018	69,307	121,666
Harvested cropland						
farms, 2002	247	408	198	188	307	415
1997	362	456	216	219	335	548
acres, 2002	6,672	33,170	8,521	8,143	15,070	37,940
1997	7,984	36,946	8,030	8,398	17,110	41,788
<b>TENURE</b>						
Full owners						
farms, 2002	237	386	225	207	365	431
1997	325	365	183	196	322	463
acres, 2002	31,152	37,941	18,920	18,006	43,921	43,298
1997	37,150	39,691	17,103	16,298	41,161	57,195
Harvested cropland						
farms, 2002	190	247	152	113	219	293
1997	284	280	158	151	224	369
acres, 2002	3,493	8,416	(D)	1,861	5,372	7,108
1997	4,462	9,341	3,212	2,429	(D)	10,251
Part owners						
farms, 2002	59	155	47	61	85	127
1997	69	179	53	70	118	163
acres, 2002	17,506	43,940	(D)	11,527	22,191	61,848
1997	10,545	54,295	10,074	12,128	26,809	63,290
Owned land in farms						
acres, 2002	14,462	28,747	(D)	5,325	15,423	41,020
1997	7,872	37,765	5,557	5,750	17,641	41,367
Rented land in farms						
acres, 2002	3,044	15,193	5,782	6,202	6,768	20,828
1997	2,673	16,530	4,517	6,378	9,168	21,923
Harvested cropland						
farms, 2002	43	144	44	57	78	110
1997	67	161	50	57	101	155
acres, 2002	3,108	21,885	5,570	5,820	8,855	29,905
1997	3,230	26,431	4,570	5,418	11,021	30,799
Tenants						
farms, 2002	21	34	3	24	19	17
1997	15	23	9	16	19	34
acres, 2002	929	4,287	(D)	1,085	1,294	1,936
1997	962	2,972	612	1,592	1,337	1,181
Harvested cropland						
farms, 2002	14	17	2	18	10	12
1997	11	15	8	11	10	24
acres, 2002	71	2,869	(D)	462	843	927
1997	292	1,174	248	551	(D)	738
<b>2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>						
Total operators	466	912	411	480	747	906
Farms by number of operators:						
1 operator	190	281	145	130	238	293
2 operators	110	258	124	139	192	252
3 operators	13	29	6	21	34	18
4 operators	3	7	-	1	2	7
5 or more operators	1	-	-	1	3	5
Total women operators	186	347	160	190	302	361
Farms by number of women operators:						
1 operator	158	321	150	168	258	327
2 operators	8	10	5	9	22	14
3 operators	4	2	-	-	-	2
4 operators	-	-	-	1	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>						
Sex of operator:						
Male						
farms, 2002	225	454	196	217	356	444
1997	316	494	202	217	377	564
acres, 2002	43,480	76,331	24,212	25,005	61,065	100,009
1997	42,452	88,080	25,497	25,495	63,078	111,951
Female						
farms, 2002	92	121	79	75	113	131
1997	93	73	43	65	82	96
acres, 2002	6,107	9,837	4,369	5,613	6,341	7,073
1997	6,205	8,878	2,292	4,523	6,229	9,715
Primary occupation:						
Farming						
2002	117	298	147	148	260	270
1997	143	278	110	136	203	273
Other						
2002	200	277	128	144	209	305
1997	266	289	135	146	256	387
Place of residence <sup>1</sup> :						
On farm operated						
2002	253	538	249	260	437	503
1997	295	483	203	230	404	534
Not on farm operated						
2002	64	37	26	32	32	72
1997	73	47	25	31	35	87
Days worked off farm <sup>1</sup> :						
None						
2002	120	218	111	112	205	240
1997	130	198	95	94	138	235
Any						
2002	197	357	164	180	264	335
1997	265	329	137	162	299	391
1 to 49 days						
2002	35	27	14	21	29	26
1997	37	35	17	14	29	35
50 to 99 days						
2002	20	20	4	11	22	25
1997	28	26	10	9	21	20
100 to 199 days						
2002	35	44	36	27	38	43
1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more						
2002	107	266	110	121	175	241
1997	149	193	84	106	181	259

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Item		Piscataquis	Sagadahoc	Somerset	Waldo	Washington	York
<b>FARMS</b>							
Land in farms	farms, 2002	201	158	504	415	399	685
	1997	178	153	520	399	529	689
	acres, 2002	39,399	20,171	110,124	69,215	152,481	57,219
	1997	37,351	20,320	108,719	75,397	105,785	69,426
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	129	115	320	310	337	480
	1997	140	117	376	346	482	549
	acres, 2002	6,243	4,103	28,318	18,318	19,936	16,863
	1997	8,839	5,951	28,662	23,057	21,815	21,568
<b>TENURE</b>							
Full owners	farms, 2002	155	113	308	318	351	493
	1997	124	108	298	273	429	481
	acres, 2002	25,272	15,473	47,081	43,078	109,285	30,972
	1997	18,426	(D)	43,269	(D)	78,253	38,687
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	92	85	192	233	290	307
	1997	91	79	237	237	389	368
	acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	6,167	6,299	13,512	5,598
	1997	2,865	(D)	7,039	6,565	13,427	7,031
Part owners	farms, 2002	35	31	133	89	39	165
	1997	47	40	146	115	81	172
	acres, 2002	11,220	(D)	48,264	25,631	42,016	24,544
	1997	17,825	8,940	54,375	35,139	25,930	27,897
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	9,239	(D)	32,901	17,268	39,622	16,176
	1997	14,538	6,522	37,301	22,079	20,407	17,045
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	1,981	1,301	15,363	8,363	2,394	8,368
	1997	3,287	2,418	17,074	13,060	5,523	10,852
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	33	28	111	74	38	152
	1997	43	35	127	100	77	156
	acres, 2002	3,290	1,656	20,551	11,609	5,358	10,850
	1997	5,304	3,716	20,354	16,096	7,352	13,528
Tenants	farms, 2002	11	14	63	8	9	27
	1997	7	5	76	11	19	36
	acres, 2002	2,907	(D)	14,779	506	1,180	1,703
	1997	1,100	(D)	11,075	(D)	1,602	2,842
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	4	2	17	3	9	21
	1997	6	3	12	9	16	25
	acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	1,600	410	1,066	415
	1997	670	(D)	1,269	396	1,036	1,009
<b>2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>							
Total operators	number	328	262	792	700	577	1,100
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator		90	71	262	176	240	345
2 operators		98	75	210	206	147	287
3 operators		10	10	20	23	6	42
4 operators		3	-	10	9	5	6
5 or more operators		-	2	2	1	1	5
Total women operators	number	120	118	257	263	185	460
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator		112	85	223	227	175	362
2 operators		4	6	17	18	5	37
3 operators		-	7	-	-	-	8
4 operators		-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>							
Sex of operator:							
Male	farms, 2002	168	114	431	344	331	494
	1997	153	113	458	333	448	556
	acres, 2002	36,725	17,647	98,907	62,041	146,118	48,332
	1997	35,105	16,666	103,071	68,533	96,198	60,972
Female	farms, 2002	33	44	73	71	68	191
	1997	25	40	62	66	81	133
	acres, 2002	2,674	2,524	11,217	7,174	6,363	8,887
	1997	2,246	3,654	5,648	6,864	9,587	8,454
Primary occupation:							
Farming	2002	53	73	278	198	175	323
	1997	85	62	280	192	176	280
Other	2002	148	85	226	217	224	362
	1997	93	91	240	207	353	409
Place of residence <sup>1</sup> :							
On farm operated	2002	178	144	471	369	307	630
	1997	153	146	391	355	357	570
Not on farm operated	2002	23	14	33	46	92	55
	1997	17	7	49	29	129	76
Days worked off farm <sup>1</sup> :							
None	2002	69	46	204	153	148	273
	1997	60	53	168	143	136	233
Any	2002	132	112	300	262	251	412
	1997	105	94	323	242	357	419
1 to 49 days	2002	9	1	27	34	36	36
	1997	8	6	34	38	58	30
50 to 99 days	2002	4	2	21	20	14	30
	1997	13	3	19	16	23	19
100 to 199 days	2002	30	28	40	39	45	78
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	89	81	212	169	156	268
	1997	65	64	195	135	201	310

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Item	Maine	Androscoggin	Aroostook	Cumberland	Franklin
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>					
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :					
2 years or less	2002 330	11	78	42	9
	1997 291	12	46	21	10
3 or 4 years	2002 679	51	80	72	35
	1997 381	20	49	25	2
5 to 9 years	2002 1,339	50	176	117	81
	1997 1,035	48	131	67	34
10 years or more	2002 4,848	222	750	365	192
	1997 4,611	235	695	389	193
Average years on present farm	2002 18.6	19.7	19.9	16.6	17.7
	1997 19.7	21.6	21.4	20.4	22.2
Age group:					
Under 25 years	2002 48	-	19	4	2
	1997 42	2	20	3	1
25 to 34 years	2002 275	12	65	21	12
	1997 399	18	84	19	7
35 to 44 years	2002 1,473	71	186	154	75
	1997 1,535	62	224	120	54
45 to 54 years	2002 2,300	102	372	186	91
	1997 2,120	99	305	165	79
55 to 59 years	2002 917	43	113	48	44
	1997 872	44	108	86	46
60 to 64 years	2002 685	32	96	67	35
	1997 758	42	120	57	27
65 to 69 years	2002 598	32	92	49	20
	1997 622	34	84	54	29
70 years and over	2002 900	42	141	67	38
	1997 1,056	66	106	100	49
Average age	2002 53.7	54.3	53.0	52.7	53.4
	1997 53.8	55.7	51.7	55.0	55.7
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>					
Family or individual	farms, 2002 6,377	282	953	501	277
	1997 6,557	310	902	514	260
	acres, 2002 954,562	(D)	251,179	41,879	43,349
	1997 992,708	41,916	235,438	46,311	37,182
Partnership	farms, 2002 321	14	55	23	25
	1997 347	13	78	27	16
	acres, 2002 131,218	2,376	61,785	3,527	2,842
	1997 107,428	3,665	33,816	5,366	2,523
Corporation:					
Family-held	farms, 2002 371	36	57	50	10
	1997 405	38	64	50	11
	acres, 2002 257,403	13,536	71,245	6,139	3,464
	1997 181,709	14,090	61,012	3,497	3,971
Other than family held	farms, 2002 51	-	6	9	1
	1997 51	4	3	8	2
	acres, 2002 3,962	-	1,528	272	(D)
	1997 12,042	(D)	6,378	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 76	2	13	13	4
	1997 44	2	4	5	3
	acres, 2002 22,623	(D)	5,938	2,638	(D)
	1997 19,179	(D)	1,587	(D)	(D)

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Item		Hancock	Kennebec	Knox	Lincoln	Oxford	Penobscot
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>							
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :							
2 years or less	2002	14	19	8	1	21	21
	1997	20	19	5	16	29	28
3 or 4 years	2002	36	41	33	21	40	70
	1997	27	38	7	11	34	42
5 to 9 years	2002	67	122	36	53	92	127
	1997	50	77	46	29	71	103
10 years or more	2002	200	393	198	217	316	357
	1997	231	359	164	172	282	387
Average years on present farm	2002	16.8	18.4	18.0	19.5	18.8	17.7
	1997	18.2	19.4	19.0	17.9	18.0	18.7
Age group:							
Under 25 years	2002	-	-	-	-	4	10
	1997	-	-	-	1	-	4
25 to 34 years	2002	12	23	11	4	16	16
	1997	14	36	10	9	15	27
35 to 44 years	2002	56	145	55	43	104	119
	1997	84	121	56	79	102	112
45 to 54 years	2002	99	185	92	111	140	177
	1997	120	157	57	75	144	232
55 to 59 years	2002	45	68	32	42	51	109
	1997	39	64	22	13	62	84
60 to 64 years	2002	25	60	21	17	39	55
	1997	50	53	33	40	51	70
65 to 69 years	2002	34	33	27	33	45	40
	1997	27	64	20	30	37	54
70 years and over	2002	46	61	37	42	70	49
	1997	75	72	47	35	48	77
Average age	2002	54.8	52.6	54.5	55.7	54.3	52.9
	1997	55.7	53.6	55.7	53.7	53.2	53.7
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Family or individual	farms, 2002	285	525	255	258	434	517
	farms, 1997	364	503	223	252	418	594
	acres, 2002	37,355	72,533	24,960	26,772	(D)	83,773
	acres, 1997	38,269	78,245	24,550	26,764	58,767	93,671
Partnership	farms, 2002	11	23	7	8	17	21
	farms, 1997	14	29	7	11	20	29
	acres, 2002	3,067	6,790	965	1,156	2,855	8,924
	acres, 1997	2,272	10,900	902	(D)	3,967	15,316
Corporation: Family-held	farms, 2002	10	23	8	13	15	24
	farms, 1997	23	27	10	12	18	30
	acres, 2002	8,204	6,319	1,143	2,080	4,902	12,756
	acres, 1997	7,470	5,383	812	1,352	6,267	11,348
Other than family held	farms, 2002	3	1	2	10	1	7
	farms, 1997	5	1	2	6	2	4
	acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	353
	acres, 1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	103	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	8	3	3	3	2	6
	farms, 1997	3	7	3	1	1	3
	acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,276
	acres, 1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Item		Piscataquis	Sagadahoc	Somerset	Waldo	Washington	York
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>							
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :							
2 years or less	2002	24	-	14	25	17	26
	1997	5	3	11	20	11	35
3 or 4 years	2002	22	14	48	34	19	63
	1997	5	8	23	17	29	44
5 to 9 years	2002	28	37	86	70	70	127
	1997	31	21	75	66	81	105
10 years or more	2002	127	107	356	286	293	469
	1997	113	103	297	256	320	415
Average years on present farm	2002	16.9	18.7	18.9	18.6	18.8	19.3
	1997	19.8	20.4	19.5	20.2	18.4	19.3
Age group:							
Under 25 years	2002	3	-	-	2	-	4
	1997	-	-	2	2	6	1
25 to 34 years	2002	10	10	15	2	18	28
	1997	5	3	61	14	19	58
35 to 44 years	2002	53	30	90	83	64	145
	1997	46	30	109	89	104	143
45 to 54 years	2002	53	44	175	148	125	200
	1997	60	48	140	121	145	173
55 to 59 years	2002	30	16	57	68	62	89
	1997	24	28	53	44	60	95
60 to 64 years	2002	24	27	58	41	35	53
	1997	11	9	48	36	47	64
65 to 69 years	2002	13	14	32	18	37	79
	1997	12	14	35	35	41	52
70 years and over	2002	15	17	77	53	58	87
	1997	20	21	72	58	107	103
Average age	2002	51.7	54.3	55.0	53.9	55.0	53.9
	1997	52.8	54.2	51.7	53.8	55.5	53.0
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Family or individual	farms, 2002	179	143	450	364	355	599
	1997	154	140	481	363	479	600
	acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	50,010	(D)	44,861
	1997	27,127	18,122	94,223	60,048	57,652	54,423
Partnership	farms, 2002	9	7	39	21	14	27
	1997	15	5	19	16	14	34
	acres, 2002	4,370	878	15,265	8,169	4,138	4,111
	1997	5,110	(D)	6,398	6,183	5,604	3,715
Corporation:							
Family-held	farms, 2002	12	6	11	27	22	47
	1997	7	8	20	16	28	43
	acres, 2002	7,434	1,011	5,890	10,849	94,586	7,845
	1997	(D)	(D)	8,098	(D)	34,556	8,996
Other than family held	farms, 2002	-	2	2	1	3	3
	1997	-	-	-	3	4	7
	acres, 2002	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	357
	1997	-	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	1	-	2	2	5	9
	1997	2	-	-	1	4	5
	acres, 2002	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	45
	1997	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)

<sup>1</sup> Data for 1997 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.