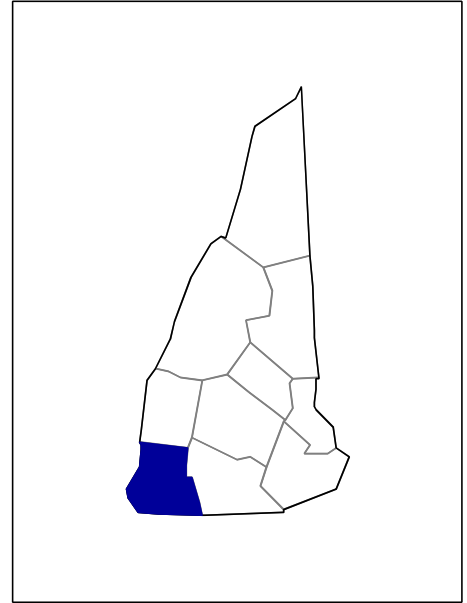


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Cheshire, New Hampshire



Number of farms

323 farms in 2002, 387 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

Land in farms

41,256 acres in 2002, 46,805 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm

128 acres in 2002, 121 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$12,309,000 in 2002, \$28,462,000 in 1997, down 57 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,355,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,955,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

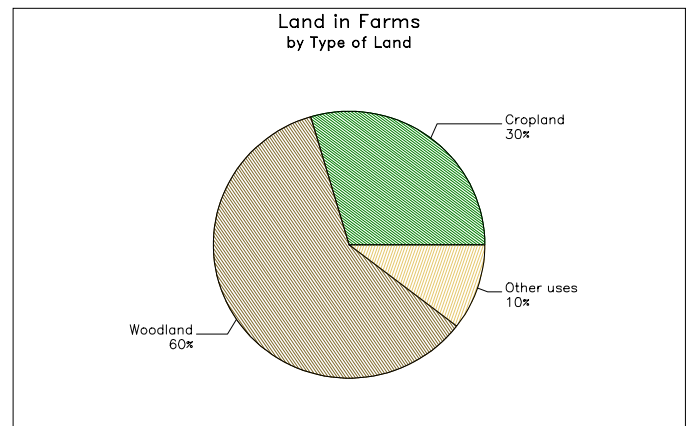
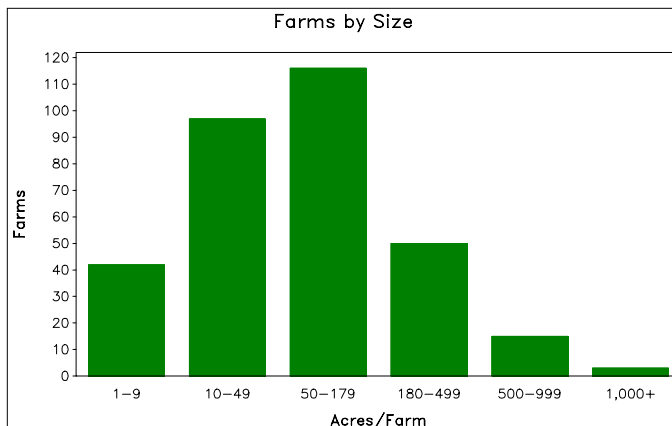
\$38,110 in 2002, \$73,546 in 1997, down 48 percent.

Government Payments

\$447,000 in 2002, \$81,000 in 1997, up 452 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,411 in 2002, \$2,439 in 1997, up 491 percent.



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County Profile
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Cheshire, New Hampshire

Ranked items among the 10 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	12,309	5	10	2,394	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,355	7	10	2,291	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,955	2	10	1,963	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	8	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	364	8	10	1,110	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,094	8	10	1,050	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,285	3	10	1,016	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	6,223	3	10	538	2,493
Hogs and pigs	22	5	10	2,023	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	76	3	10	975	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	102	4	10	1,756	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	9	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	85	5	10	929	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	2	10	(D)	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	1	9	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	5,214	3	10	2,502	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,421	1	10	744	2,867
Horses and ponies	585	6	10	1,982	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,454	6	10	2,123	3,059
Corn for silage	1,785	4	10	813	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	227	5	10	907	2,710
Apples	210	4	10	211	2,173
Corn for grain ³	(D)	(D)	7	(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	100	Farming	158
\$1,000 to \$2,499	45	Other	165
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Male	247
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27	Female	76
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	White	494
\$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	5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	6	Asian	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,843	More than one race	12
Average per farm (\$)	39,886	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	24
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	190		
Average per farm (\$)	591		

(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.