

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

Vermont

Number of farms

6,571 farms in 2002, 7,063 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

1,244,909 acres in 2002, 1,315,315 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

189 acres in 2002, 186 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$473,065,000 in 2002, \$478,781,000 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$71,583,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$401,482,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

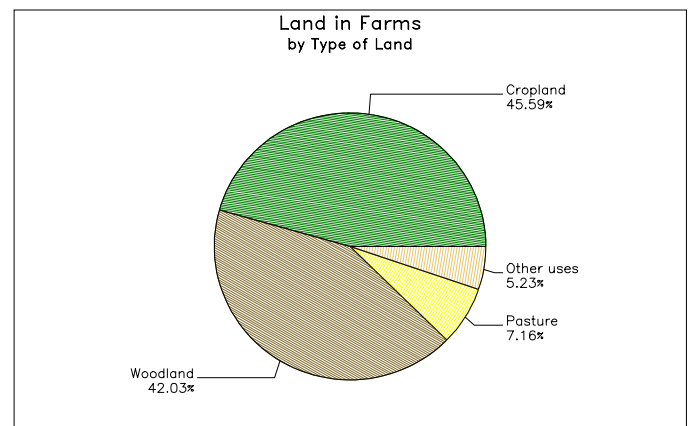
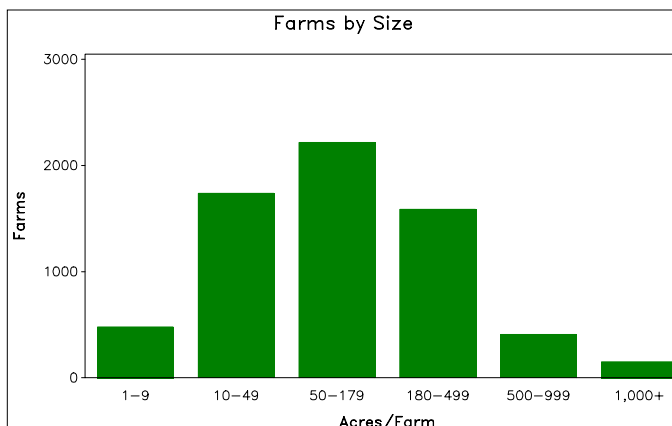
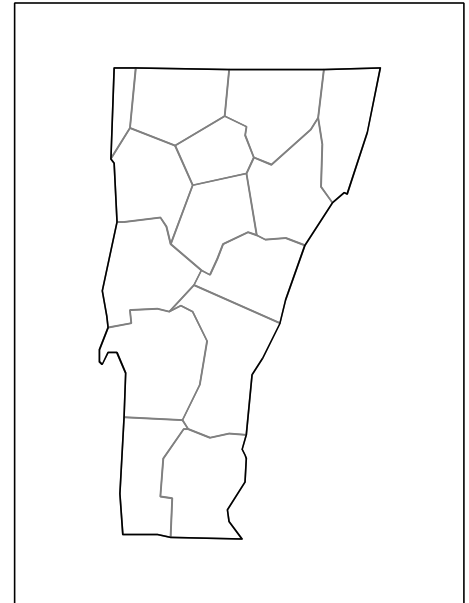
\$71,993 in 2002, \$67,787 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$24,377,000 in 2002, \$2,972,000 in 1997, up 720 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$18,809 in 2002, \$3,128 in 1997, up 501 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	473,065	43	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	71,583	47	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	401,482	41	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,768	45	50
Tobacco	-	-	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	10,140	44	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	9,270	36	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	22,803	44	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	2,372	19	50
Other crops and hay	24,231	38	50
Poultry and eggs	5,875	45	50
Cattle and calves	45,106	41	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	342,440	15	50
Hogs and pigs	374	47	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,581	35	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,853	43	50
Aquaculture	1,325	43	50
Other animals and other animal products	1,927	42	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Cattle and calves	283,619	40	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	211,968	44	50
Quail	(D)	(D)	50
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	20,753	38	50
Sheep and lambs	14,743	36	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	350,261	36	50
Corn for silage	91,312	20	49
Corn for grain	5,130	42	49
Cut Christmas trees	4,658	18	49
Apples	3,418	17	50

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	1,705
\$1,000 to \$2,499	968
\$2,500 to \$4,999	699
\$5,000 to \$9,999	610
\$10,000 to \$19,999	517
\$20,000 to \$24,999	116
\$25,000 to \$39,999	262
\$40,000 to \$49,999	134
\$50,000 to \$99,999	393
\$100,000 to \$249,999	716
\$250,000 to \$499,999	269
\$500,000 or more	182
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	427,717
Average per farm (\$)	65,042
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	101,678
Average per farm (\$)	15,462

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	3,486
Other	3,085
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	5,604
Female	967
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	10,376
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	50
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7
Asian	17
More than one race	26
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	187

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

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