

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Franklin, Vermont

Number of farms

770 farms in 2002, 835 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

190,115 acres in 2002, 192,790 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

247 acres in 2002, 231 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$115,435,000 in 2002, \$99,483,000 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,885,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$108,550,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

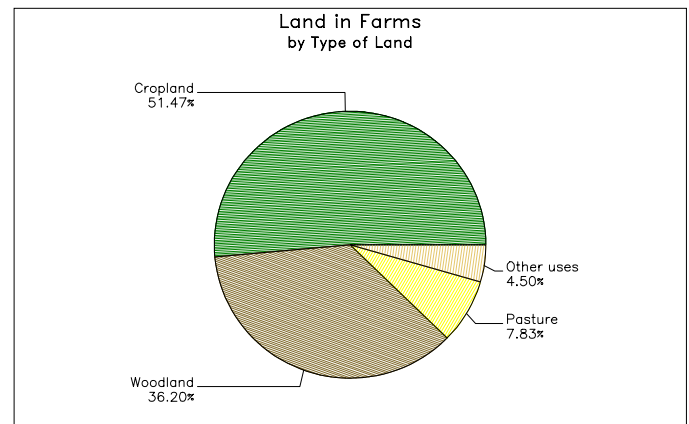
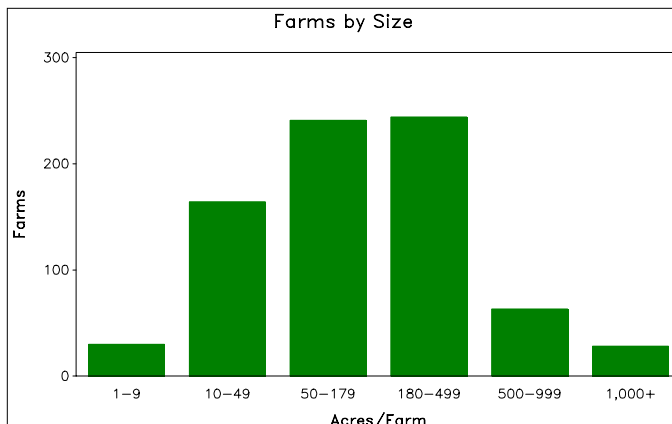
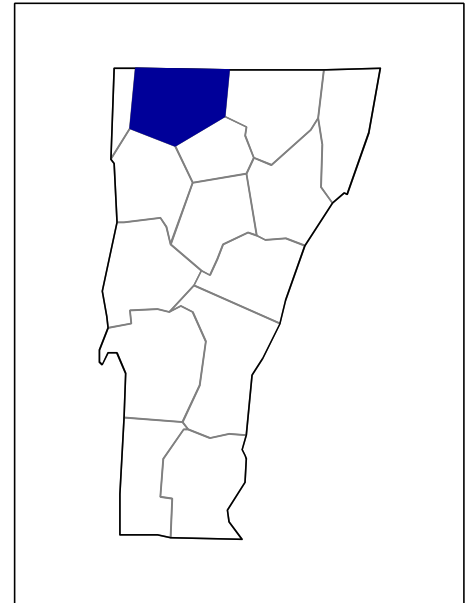
\$149,915 in 2002, \$119,141 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Government Payments

\$6,401,000 in 2002, \$566,000 in 1997, up 1,031 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$26,893 in 2002, \$3,431 in 1997, up 684 percent.



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Ranked items among the 14 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	115,435	1	14	402	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,885	4	14	1,893	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	108,550	1	14	184	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	913	1	14	1,800	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	688	7	14	886	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	282	9	14	763	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,059	9	14	1,071	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	56	11	13	607	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,886	1	14	314	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	15,121	1	14	692	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	90,718	1	14	32	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6	11	13	2,469	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	32	10	14	1,591	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	82	11	14	1,951	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	11	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	1	14	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	67,371	1	14	331	3,059
Colonies of bees	(D)	4	14	(D)	2,392
Sheep and lambs	716	9	14	1,197	2,867
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	709	5	14	990	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	54,369	2	14	252	3,059
Corn for silage	25,328	1	14	27	2,307
Corn for grain	1,565	1	13	1,648	2,592
Soybeans	247	2	7	1,771	2,076
All Vegetables harvested	193	8	14	978	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	157
\$1,000 to \$2,499	60
\$2,500 to \$4,999	66
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53
\$10,000 to \$19,999	61
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	58
\$100,000 to \$249,999	155
\$250,000 to \$499,999	56
\$500,000 or more	59
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	94,995
Average per farm (\$)	123,853
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	27,469
Average per farm (\$)	35,814

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	504
Other	266
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	707
Female	63
Average age of principal operator (years)	51.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,258
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	20

(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.