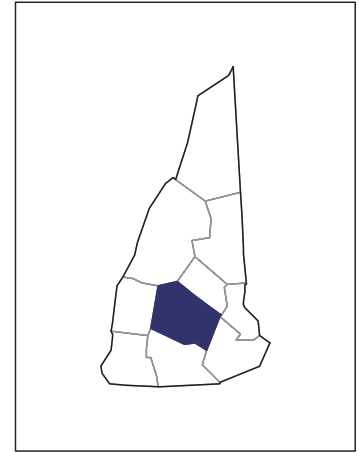


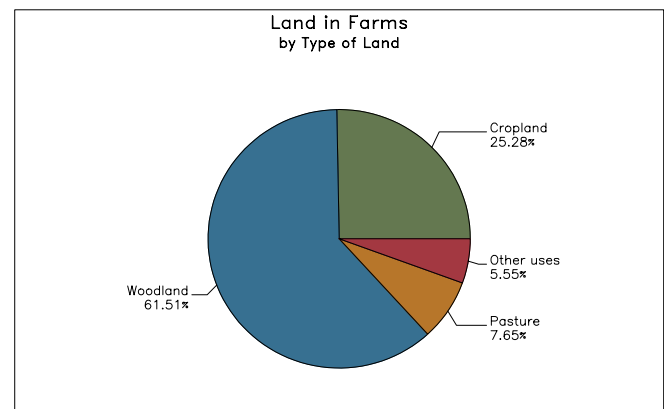
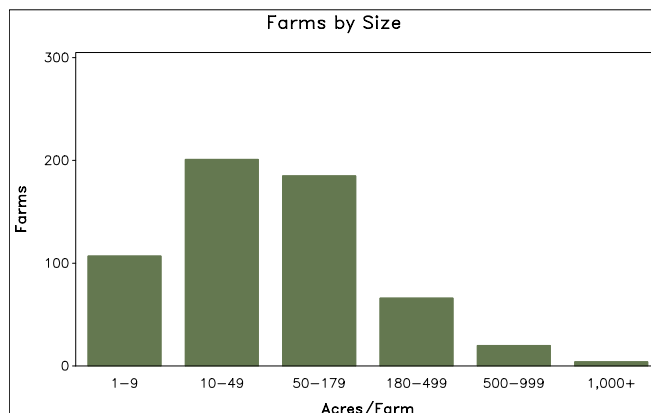
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County Profile

Merrimack County New Hampshire



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	583	502	+ 16
Land in Farms	64,642 acres	79,169 acres	- 18
Average Size of Farm	111 acres	158 acres	- 30
Market Value of Products Sold	\$55,286,000	\$41,162,000	+ 34
Crop Sales \$45,208,000 (82 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$10,079,000 (18 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$94,831	\$81,996	+ 16
Government Payments	\$360,000	\$487,000	- 26
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,796	\$9,549	- 29



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Merrimack County – New Hampshire

Ranked items among the 10 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	55,286	1	10	1,467	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	45,208	1	10	924	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,079	5	10	2,040	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	426	1	10	2,180	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,509	3	10	670	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,559	3	10	355	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	39,916	1	10	82	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	101	5	10	408	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,697	3	10	1,016	3,054
Poultry and eggs	172	5	10	1,293	3,020
Cattle and calves	801	4	10	2,678	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	8,116	5	10	557	2,493
Hogs and pigs	55	4	10	1,559	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	7	10	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	561	3	10	427	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	9	9	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	294	3	10	539	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,338	2	10	1,776	3,060
Corn for silage	2,494	2	10	557	2,263
Vegetables harvested for sale	417	3	10	775	2,794
Apples	342	3	10	116	2,144
Nursery stock	304	1	10	318	2,130
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,365	2	10	2,422	3,060
Layers	4,476	4	10	815	3,024
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,816	2	10	724	2,476
Horses and ponies	1,536	3	10	835	3,066
Sheep and lambs	1,101	3	10	834	2,891

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	192	Farming	278
\$1,000 to \$2,499	90	Other	305
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	70	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	59	Male	372
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Female	211
\$25,000 to \$39,999	29		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	27	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$500,000 or more	12	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	46,397	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	79,584	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	934
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,850	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	20,325	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	10

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.