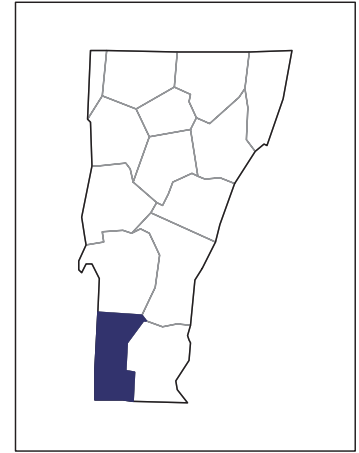


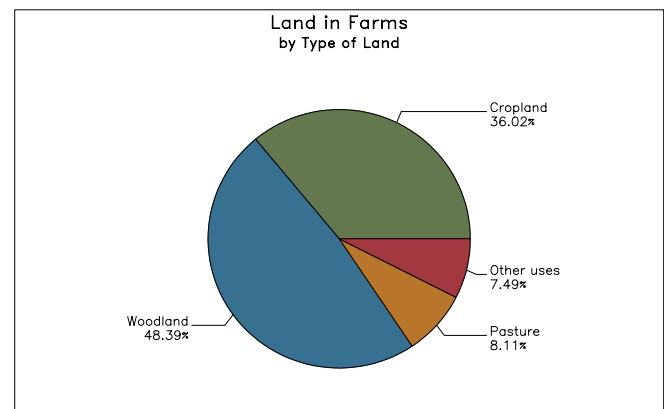
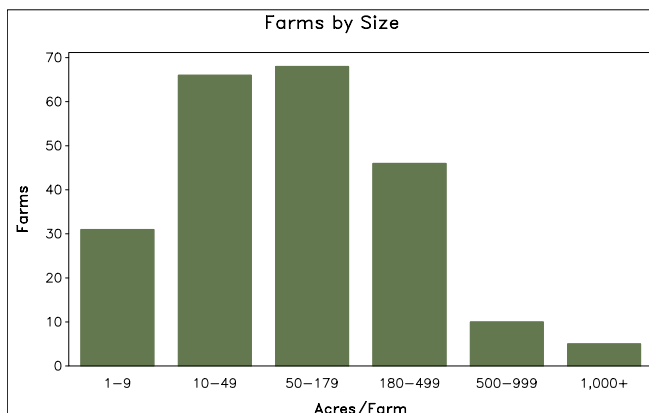
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Bennington County Vermont



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	226	228	- 1
Land in Farms	36,580 acres	41,126 acres	- 11
Average Size of Farm	162 acres	180 acres	- 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$10,518,000	\$7,818,000	+ 35
Crop Sales \$3,174,000 (30 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,345,000 (70 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$46,542	\$34,292	+ 36
Government Payments	\$63,000	\$367,000	- 83
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,335	\$12,640	- 74



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Bennington County – Vermont

Ranked items among the 14 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	10,518	14	14	2,583	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,174	12	14	2,436	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,345	14	14	2,235	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	222	6	14	2,321	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	365	11	14	1,221	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	758	7	14	548	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	546	10	14	1,372	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	196	7	13	245	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,087	12	14	1,423	3,054
Poultry and eggs	62	10	14	1,585	3,020
Cattle and calves	548	14	14	2,765	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	6,135	14	14	641	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3	13	14	2,655	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	32	12	14	1,996	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	6	14	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	2	12	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	23	10	13	1,720	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,056	12	14	2,026	3,060
Corn for silage	2,027	13	14	642	2,263
Apples	285	4	14	138	2,144
Corn for grain	284	5	11	2,165	2,634
Cut Christmas trees	191	9	13	313	1,756
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	3,370	14	14	2,626	3,060
Layers	1,646	10	14	1,219	3,024
Horses and ponies	790	9	14	1,695	3,066
Sheep and lambs	499	11	14	1,446	2,891
Pullets for laying flock replacement	278	5	13	914	2,627

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	68	Farming	100
\$1,000 to \$2,499	28	Other	126
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	Male	181
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27	Female	45
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	4	White	367
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	11,805	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	52,234	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-39		
Average per farm (\$)	-174		

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.