

**Table 45. Selected Operation and Operator Characteristics: 2012 and 2007**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	New Hampshire	Belknap	Carroll	Cheshire	Coos
<b>FARMS</b>					
Land in farms .....farms, 2012	4,391	302	291	407	293
.....2007	4,166	270	274	419	262
.....acres, 2012	474,065	23,887	29,362	63,292	56,797
.....2007	471,911	23,378	32,040	48,241	50,895
Harvested cropland .....farms, 2012	2,416	168	158	229	154
.....2007	2,494	174	141	258	167
.....acres, 2012	87,382	4,880	3,319	7,941	10,641
.....2007	99,520	4,982	4,269	9,772	10,062
<b>TENURE</b>					
Full owners .....farms, 2012	3,487	256	260	280	235
.....2007	3,164	211	232	311	201
.....acres, 2012	321,972	(D)	(D)	45,319	35,512
.....2007	285,030	14,348	26,939	32,066	31,040
Harvested cropland .....farms, 2012	1,750	136	138	134	118
.....2007	1,723	121	107	173	126
.....acres, 2012	28,814	(D)	(D)	1,687	(D)
.....2007	28,963	2,004	2,306	2,393	2,616
Part owners .....farms, 2012	677	44	24	92	47
.....2007	804	46	40	83	51
.....acres, 2012	141,133	(D)	(D)	15,039	19,275
.....2007	160,767	7,977	(D)	14,432	18,845
Owned land in farms .....acres, 2012	92,137	3,581	1,948	9,304	12,832
.....2007	107,234	6,155	3,168	9,160	13,270
Rented land in farms .....acres, 2012	48,996	(D)	(D)	5,735	6,443
.....2007	53,533	1,822	(D)	5,272	5,575
Harvested cropland .....farms, 2012	533	30	19	73	31
.....2007	662	40	34	65	36
.....acres, 2012	54,912	2,578	1,553	5,330	8,233
.....2007	64,824	2,654	1,963	6,633	7,359
Tenants .....farms, 2012	227	2	7	35	11
.....2007	198	13	2	25	10
.....acres, 2012	10,960	(D)	(D)	2,934	2,010
.....2007	26,114	1,053	(D)	1,743	1,010
Harvested cropland .....farms, 2012	133	2	1	22	5
.....2007	109	13	-	20	5
.....acres, 2012	3,656	(D)	(D)	924	(D)
.....2007	5,733	324	-	746	87
<b>2012 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>					
Total operators ..... number	7,300	482	470	661	480
Farms by number of operators:					
1 operator .....	1,937	137	123	194	142
2 operators .....	2,104	155	158	177	129
3 operators .....	294	8	9	33	14
4 operators .....	25	1	1	1	6
5 or more operators .....	31	1	-	2	2
Total women operators ..... number	3,098	196	185	279	160
Farms by number of women operators:					
1 operator .....	2,619	190	171	240	152
2 operators .....	195	3	7	18	4
3 operators .....	23	-	-	1	-
4 operators .....	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators .....	4	-	-	-	-
<b>2007 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>					
Total operators ..... number	7,022	479	454	693	470
Farms by number of operators:					
1 operator .....	1,837	91	117	184	110
2 operators .....	1,985	163	140	201	132
3 operators .....	234	8	13	30	8
4 operators .....	66	4	2	3	4
5 or more operators .....	44	4	2	1	8
Total women operators ..... number	2,966	194	181	278	166
Farms by number of women operators:					
1 operator .....	2,450	174	161	228	133
2 operators .....	201	10	4	22	3
3 operators .....	24	-	4	2	9
4 operators .....	3	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators .....	6	-	-	-	-
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
Sex of operator:					
Male .....farms, 2012	3,033	208	226	297	234
.....2007	2,929	174	209	312	216
.....acres, 2012	395,387	(D)	(D)	57,656	47,465
.....2007	401,302	19,473	28,124	42,592	47,702
Female .....farms, 2012	1,358	94	65	110	59
.....2007	1,237	96	65	107	46
.....acres, 2012	78,678	(D)	(D)	5,636	9,332
.....2007	70,609	3,905	3,916	5,649	3,193
Primary occupation:					
Farming .....2012	2,107	128	153	193	147
.....2007	1,930	126	142	199	91
Other .....2012	2,284	174	138	214	146
.....2007	2,236	144	132	220	171
Place of residence:					
On farm operated .....2012	3,917	273	270	367	260
.....2007	3,756	249	250	385	232
Not on farm operated .....2012	474	29	21	40	33
.....2007	410	21	24	34	30

--continued

**Table 45. Selected Operation and Operator Characteristics: 2012 and 2007 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Grafton	Hillsborough	Merrimack	Rockingham	Strafford	Sullivan
<b>FARMS</b>						
Land in farms .....	500	688	600	658	354	298
..... farms, 2012	552	615	583	594	303	294
..... acres, 2012	82,372	47,707	64,950	36,003	30,680	39,015
..... 2007	99,964	50,238	64,642	33,570	25,744	43,199
Harvested cropland .....	302	308	365	366	212	154
..... farms, 2012	341	301	366	365	209	172
..... 2007	15,579	9,282	12,898	7,719	7,158	7,965
..... acres, 2012	19,189	10,850	13,494	10,166	7,476	9,260
..... 2007						
<b>TENURE</b>						
Full owners .....	379	564	431	564	288	230
..... farms, 2012	388	468	452	458	232	211
..... 2007	55,611	33,861	36,464	26,573	23,287	23,116
..... acres, 2012	51,002	30,534	39,378	19,509	17,101	23,113
..... 2007	216	225	229	290	157	107
Harvested cropland .....	216	195	267	266	149	103
..... farms, 2012	5,702	3,099	3,556	3,505	3,057	(D)
..... 2007	5,791	2,220	3,798	3,383	2,736	1,716
..... acres, 2012						
..... 2007						
Part owners .....	102	95	110	58	47	58
..... farms, 2012	135	107	116	95	57	74
..... 2007	25,838	12,643	27,397	8,546	6,546	(D)
..... acres, 2012	34,244	17,556	23,712	13,094	(D)	18,664
..... 2007	18,165	6,949	19,555	5,411	3,542	10,850
Owned land in farms .....	22,888	10,857	15,630	8,069	4,445	13,592
..... acres, 2012	7,673	5,694	7,842	3,135	3,004	(D)
..... 2007	11,356	6,699	8,082	5,025	(D)	5,072
Harvested cropland .....	79	72	92	50	45	42
..... farms, 2012	118	92	87	79	49	62
..... 2007	9,472	5,641	9,115	3,812	3,817	5,361
..... acres, 2012	12,961	7,373	9,040	6,537	3,682	6,622
..... 2007						
Tenants .....	19	29	59	36	19	10
..... farms, 2012	29	40	15	41	14	9
..... 2007	923	1,203	1,089	884	847	(D)
..... acres, 2012	14,718	2,148	1,552	967	(D)	1,422
..... 2007	7	11	44	26	10	5
Harvested cropland .....	7	14	12	20	11	7
..... farms, 2012	405	542	227	402	284	(D)
..... 2007	437	1,257	656	246	1,058	922
..... acres, 2012						
..... 2007						
<b>2012 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>						
Total operators .....	794	1,184	1,040	1,057	629	503
..... number						
Farms by number of operators:						
1 operator .....	259	277	253	315	124	113
..... farms	201	350	279	294	192	169
..... 2 operators	33	50	55	45	34	13
..... farms	3	3	5	2	1	2
..... 3 operators	4	8	8	2	3	1
..... farms						
..... 4 operators						
..... farms						
..... 5 or more operators						
..... farms						
..... 2007						
Total women operators .....	310	543	446	470	298	211
..... number						
Farms by number of women operators:						
1 operator .....	252	438	352	384	239	201
..... farms	22	33	32	43	28	5
..... 2 operators	3	8	10	-	1	-
..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... 3 operators	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... farms	1	3	-	-	-	-
..... 4 operators						
..... farms						
..... 5 or more operators						
..... farms						
..... 2007						
<b>2007 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>						
Total operators .....	920	999	970	993	525	519
..... number						
Farms by number of operators:						
1 operator .....	251	286	280	281	127	110
..... farms	258	287	247	258	147	152
..... 2 operators	26	33	39	34	19	24
..... farms	12	5	11	12	6	7
..... 3 operators	5	4	6	9	4	1
..... farms						
..... 4 operators						
..... farms						
..... 5 or more operators						
..... farms						
..... 2007						
Total women operators .....	389	443	419	462	215	219
..... number						
Farms by number of women operators:						
1 operator .....	312	363	346	355	191	187
..... farms	36	40	26	32	12	16
..... 2 operators	-	-	3	6	-	-
..... farms	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... 3 operators	-	-	3	-	-	-
..... farms	1	-	-	5	-	-
..... 4 operators						
..... farms						
..... 5 or more operators						
..... farms						
..... 2007						
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>						
Sex of operator:						
Male .....	397	413	400	435	234	189
..... farms, 2012	405	444	372	368	224	205
..... 2007	70,921	35,105	55,799	27,047	19,613	33,992
..... acres, 2012	87,862	41,132	51,316	25,500	20,021	37,580
..... 2007						
Female .....	103	275	200	223	120	109
..... farms, 2012	147	171	211	226	79	89
..... 2007	11,451	12,602	9,151	8,956	11,067	5,023
..... acres, 2012	12,102	9,106	13,326	8,070	5,723	5,619
..... 2007						
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	226	344	295	321	172	128
..... 2012	249	296	278	281	144	124
..... 2007	274	344	305	337	182	170
Other .....	303	319	305	313	159	170
..... 2012						
..... 2007						
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	449	629	496	592	306	275
..... 2012	478	564	536	527	270	265
..... 2007	51	59	104	66	48	23
Not on farm operated .....	74	51	47	67	33	29
..... 2012						
..... 2007						

--continued

**Table 45. Selected Operation and Operator Characteristics: 2012 and 2007 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	New Hampshire	Belknap	Carroll	Cheshire	Coos
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>					
Days worked off farm:					
None .....2012	1,572	101	119	162	55
.....2007	1,257	97	76	131	68
Any .....2012	2,819	201	172	245	238
.....2007	2,909	173	198	288	194
1 to 49 days .....2012	354	23	23	26	23
.....2007	397	19	21	40	23
50 to 99 days .....2012	306	12	27	15	26
.....2007	268	15	32	35	32
100 to 199 days .....2012	495	32	38	48	83
.....2007	538	34	57	47	21
200 days or more .....2012	1,664	134	84	156	106
.....2007	1,706	105	88	166	118
Years on present farm:					
2 years or less .....2012	211	15	14	15	10
.....2007	154	7	8	20	16
3 or 4 years .....2012	276	14	19	25	19
.....2007	274	23	22	41	16
5 to 9 years .....2012	664	36	40	62	41
.....2007	800	55	54	75	40
10 years or more .....2012	3,240	237	218	305	223
.....2007	2,938	185	190	283	190
Average years on present farm .....2012	20.5	21.9	20.1	19.3	22.2
.....2007	20.2	20.0	19.4	19.4	21.0
Years operating any farm (see text):					
2 years or less .....2012	133	8	7	5	3
.....2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 years .....2012	242	10	14	15	15
.....2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 years .....2012	557	20	37	57	39
.....2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 years or more .....2012	3,459	264	233	330	236
.....2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average years on any farm .....2012	22.4	24.7	22.2	21.5	24.8
.....2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:					
Under 25 years .....2012	15	-	-	-	2
.....2007	24	-	-	16	-
25 to 34 years .....2012	186	19	9	33	4
.....2007	142	10	11	18	6
35 to 44 years .....2012	449	23	22	56	29
.....2007	542	50	28	56	31
45 to 54 years .....2012	1,108	72	35	93	86
.....2007	1,205	60	67	129	77
55 to 59 years .....2012	661	25	71	46	31
.....2007	669	43	50	60	44
60 to 64 years .....2012	634	33	55	88	30
.....2007	545	49	32	58	37
65 to 69 years .....2012	511	74	29	39	59
.....2007	419	21	48	28	30
70 years and over .....2012	827	56	70	52	52
.....2007	620	37	38	54	37
Average age .....2012	57.8	59.1	60.5	55.5	58.3
.....2007	56.2	55.7	57.5	53.6	57.0
<b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>					
Internet access .....2012	3,690	262	240	343	220
.....2007	3,063	195	185	322	192
Dial-up service .....farms, 2012	279	25	5	28	47
DSL service .....farms, 2012	1,221	44	71	206	63
Cable modem service .....farms, 2012	1,590	172	109	58	40
Fiber-optic service .....farms, 2012	186	7	12	7	11
Mobile broadband plan for computer or cell phone .....farms, 2012	421	32	36	32	31
Satellite service .....farms, 2012	296	13	15	29	35
Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) .....farms, 2012	145	6	5	14	19
Other Internet service .....farms, 2012	27	-	8	3	1
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>					
Operation with over 50 percent ownership interest held by operator and/or persons related to operator by blood/marriage/adoption .....farms, 2012	4,255	293	280	384	286
.....acres, 2012	412,266	22,366	23,444	34,391	56,176
Limited Liability Corporation .....farms, 2012	546	36	28	59	20
.....acres, 2012	61,228	3,000	1,705	5,635	5,419
<b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES (SEE TEXT)</b>					
Family or individual .....farms, 2012	3,701	268	241	348	264
.....2007	3,551	244	239	360	230
.....acres, 2012	320,968	21,012	20,987	30,650	42,477
Partnership .....2007	347,611	20,774	25,039	35,681	38,414
.....farms, 2012	320	22	27	25	21
.....2007	299	14	19	26	20
.....acres, 2012	79,591	1,524	1,489	27,577	9,375
.....2007	52,530	1,805	2,043	3,319	6,471
Corporation:					
Family-held .....farms, 2012	182	6	4	25	3
.....2007	178	9	5	20	1
.....acres, 2012	28,968	443	76	3,283	(D)
.....2007	36,943	(D)	504	5,211	(D)
Other than family held .....farms, 2012	61	3	6	3	-
.....2007	42	2	4	4	4
.....acres, 2012	5,842	(D)	600	1,353	-
.....2007	2,614	(D)	59	180	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....farms, 2012	127	3	13	6	5
.....2007	96	1	7	9	7
.....acres, 2012	38,696	(D)	6,210	429	(D)
.....2007	32,213	(D)	4,395	3,850	4,702

--continued

**Table 45. Selected Operation and Operator Characteristics: 2012 and 2007 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Grafton	Hillsborough	Merrimack	Rockingham	Strafford	Sullivan
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>						
Days worked off farm:						
None .....2012	169	260	198	256	137	115
.....2007	149	195	194	177	87	83
Any .....2012	331	428	402	402	217	183
.....2007	403	420	389	417	216	211
1 to 49 days .....2012	64	76	57	34	17	11
.....2007	54	63	48	78	24	27
50 to 99 days .....2012	37	80	64	18	7	20
.....2007	36	32	26	22	21	17
100 to 199 days .....2012	53	51	57	74	37	22
.....2007	66	78	102	60	34	39
200 days or more .....2012	177	221	224	276	156	130
.....2007	247	247	213	257	137	128
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....2012	13	50	36	31	11	16
.....2007	29	24	18	18	5	9
3 or 4 years .....2012	32	30	57	49	20	11
.....2007	31	39	35	38	19	10
5 to 9 years .....2012	73	100	80	115	81	36
.....2007	91	113	127	125	55	65
10 years or more .....2012	382	508	427	463	242	235
.....2007	401	439	403	413	224	210
Average years on present farm .....2012	21.4	19.4	20.0	20.7	19.8	21.3
.....2007	20.5	19.2	20.5	20.1	22.2	20.6
Years operating any farm (see text):						
2 years or less .....2012	11	34	30	18	10	7
.....2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 years .....2012	32	19	52	52	20	13
.....2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 years .....2012	61	97	66	84	63	33
.....2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 years or more .....2012	396	538	452	504	261	245
.....2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average years on any farm .....2012	23.7	21.0	22.0	22.1	21.4	23.0
.....2007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....2012	1	1	8	2	1	-
.....2007	3	-	4	1	-	-
25 to 34 years .....2012	16	25	37	32	8	3
.....2007	13	27	12	34	6	5
35 to 44 years .....2012	34	88	44	68	53	32
.....2007	63	76	85	78	40	35
45 to 54 years .....2012	100	183	168	196	92	83
.....2007	171	178	188	178	88	80
55 to 59 years .....2012	93	120	87	105	41	42
.....2007	94	89	82	110	31	66
60 to 64 years .....2012	84	90	91	74	46	43
.....2007	81	87	59	58	41	43
65 to 69 years .....2012	70	73	45	40	38	44
.....2007	47	69	47	67	30	32
70 years and over .....2012	102	108	120	141	75	51
.....2007	80	89	106	79	67	33
Average age .....2012	59.9	56.9	56.5	57.3	58.0	58.3
.....2007	56.7	56.5	56.1	55.6	57.7	56.7
<b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>						
Internet access .....2012	405	581	513	569	301	256
.....2007	384	462	433	448	224	218
Dial-up service ..... farms, 2012	55	31	32	19	3	34
DSL service ..... farms, 2012	135	226	220	76	66	114
Cable modem service ..... farms, 2012	129	247	225	358	186	66
Fiber-optic service ..... farms, 2012	11	18	9	87	7	17
Mobile broadband plan for computer or cell phone ..... farms, 2012	35	57	47	66	55	30
Satellite service ..... farms, 2012	71	29	38	17	11	38
Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) ..... farms, 2012	22	18	14	27	18	2
Other Internet service ..... farms, 2012	10	2	-	2	1	-
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>						
Operation with over 50 percent ownership interest held by operator and/or persons related to operator by blood/marriage/adoption ..... farms, 2012						
..... acres, 2012	492	661	584	644	338	293
Limited Liability Corporation ..... farms, 2012	81,050	43,975	51,574	35,003	28,838	35,449
..... acres, 2012	61	70	77	99	67	29
..... farms, 2012	14,490	4,611	8,025	8,458	4,764	5,121
<b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES (SEE TEXT)</b>						
Family or individual ..... farms, 2012	440	576	478	533	300	253
..... acres, 2012	484	511	504	488	241	250
..... farms, 2012	63,784	32,690	39,663	25,151	19,950	24,604
..... acres, 2012	70,200	38,754	46,277	26,649	16,017	29,806
Partnership ..... farms, 2012	33	36	57	50	27	22
..... acres, 2012	38	60	35	45	24	18
..... farms, 2012	7,649	6,553	12,499	4,328	2,141	6,456
..... acres, 2012	8,908	5,614	8,711	3,686	2,365	9,608
Corporation:						
Family-held ..... farms, 2012	13	31	39	39	10	12
..... acres, 2012	19	16	33	40	15	20
..... farms, 2012	15,476	3,041	4,868	2,644	773	6,485
..... acres, 2012	1	3,002	5,185	2,131	1,374	3,483
Other than family held ..... farms, 2012	1	19	4	22	-	3
..... acres, 2012	1	14	3	4	4	2
..... farms, 2012	(D)	2,312	400	560	-	(D)
..... acres, 2012	(D)	353	110	224	41	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. .... farms, 2012						
..... acres, 2012	13	26	22	14	17	8
..... farms, 2012	10	14	8	17	19	4
..... acres, 2012	(D)	3,111	7,520	3,320	7,816	(D)
..... farms, 2012	(D)	2,515	4,359	880	5,947	(D)