

1997 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 1,258,297 acres in 1992 to 1,211,648 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 218 acres in 1992 to 209 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 2,981 farms in 1992 to 2,872 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

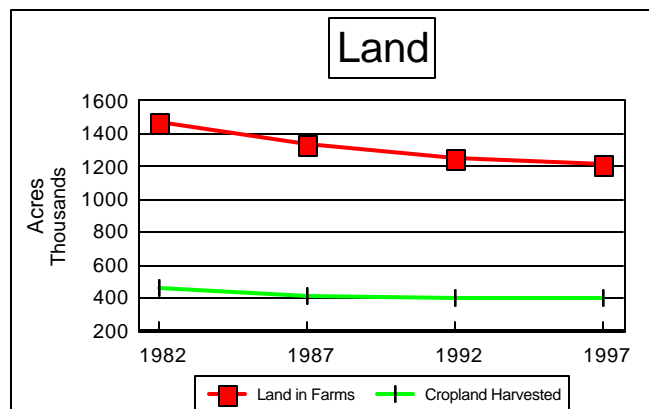
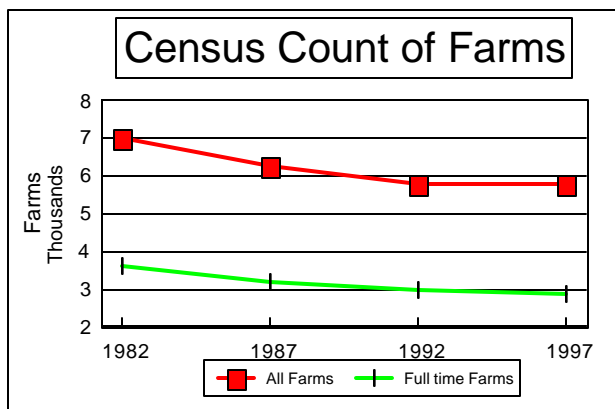
Increased 2 percent to \$438,673,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 1 percent from \$74,502 in 1992 to \$75,503 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	438,673	45	50
Value of livestock and poultry	226,444	42	50
Value of crops including nursery	212,229	42	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	101,745	17	50
Dairy products	95,420	33	50
Poultry & poultry products	73,299	33	50
Fruits, nuts, berries	47,118	15	50
Nursery and greenhouse crops	29,852	39	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	6,977,638	15	50
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	199,416	36	50
Cattle and calves sold	37,889	43	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	36,244	41	50
Rabbits and their pelts sold	16,979	19	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	5,019,263	17	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	1,115,120	14	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	940,959	18	50
Cattle and calves inventory	101,695	43	50
Broiler inventory	42,370	36	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Hay crops-acres	214,005	42	50
Potatoes-acres	73,085	6	50
Barley-acres	28,163	18	45
Corn for silage-acres	27,537	34	49
Total berries-acres	(D)	2	49

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	3,417	3,251	5
\$10,000 or more	2,393	2,525	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	347,611	351,076	-1
Average per farmdollars..	59,923	60,824	-1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	78,187	72,781	7
Average per farmdollars..	13,478	12,609	7
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	5,064	5,063	0
Partnership or corporation	709	677	5
Other	37	36	3
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	2,872	2,981	-4
Other	2,938	2,795	5
Operators by sex:			
Male	4,991	5,082	-2
Female	819	694	18
Operators by race:			
White	5,790	5,767	0
Black and other races	20	9	122
Average age of operator	54.4	53.0	3

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

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