

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Washington, Vermont

Number of farms

425 farms in 2002, 452 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

53,942 acres in 2002, 63,343 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

Average size of farm

127 acres in 2002, 140 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$14,739,000 in 2002, \$15,646,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,880,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,859,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

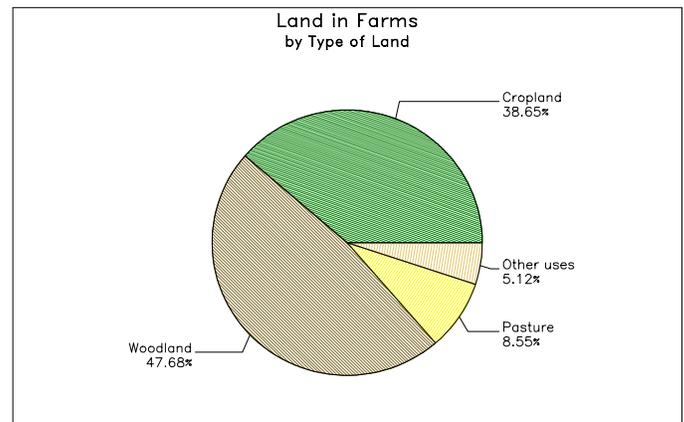
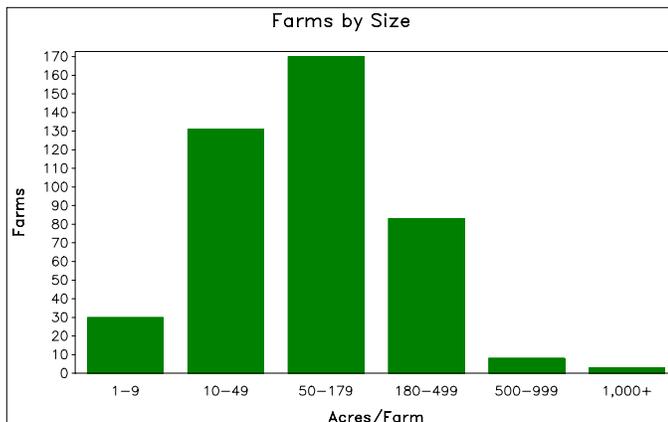
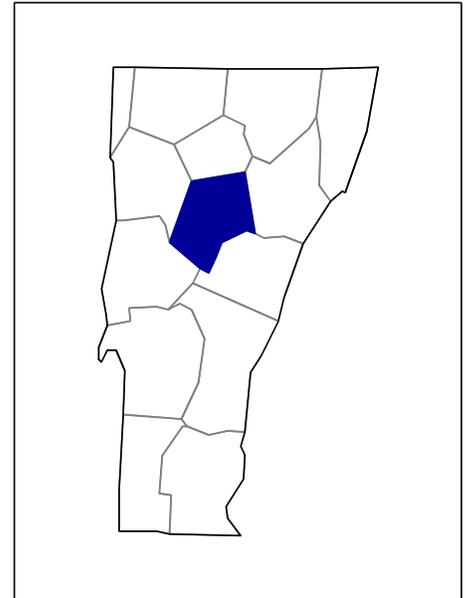
\$34,680 in 2002, \$34,614 in 1997, up slightly.

Government Payments

\$597,000 in 2002, \$81,000 in 1997, up 637 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,446 in 2002, \$2,138 in 1997, up 482 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	14,739	10	14	2,279	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,880	9	14	2,216	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,859	8	14	1,813	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	581	8	14	953	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,576	5	14	903	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	106	9	13	423	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,404	11	14	925	3,046
Poultry and eggs	54	7	14	1,443	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,209	10	14	2,469	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	9,205	9	14	402	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	24	11	14	1,783	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	251	3	14	904	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	72	7	14	998	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	9,247	9	14	2,116	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,595	10	14	1,097	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,150	4	14	1,090	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	939	4	14	901	2,599
Colonies of bees	809	5	14	499	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,511	9	14	1,545	3,059
Corn for silage	1,965	10	14	762	2,307
Cut Christmas trees	326	7	14	276	1,877
All Vegetables harvested	253	6	14	868	2,710
Corn for grain	246	6	13	2,159	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	132
\$1,000 to \$2,499	64
\$2,500 to \$4,999	44
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9
\$500,000 or more	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	14,249
Average per farm (\$)	33,685
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,453
Average per farm (\$)	5,799

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	210
Other	215
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	336
Female	89
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	643
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	4
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	22

(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.