

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Aroostook, Maine

Number of farms

1,084 farms in 2002, 1,051 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

391,675 acres in 2002, 338,231 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Average size of farm

361 acres in 2002, 322 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$121,158,000 in 2002, \$109,819,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$117,333,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,825,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

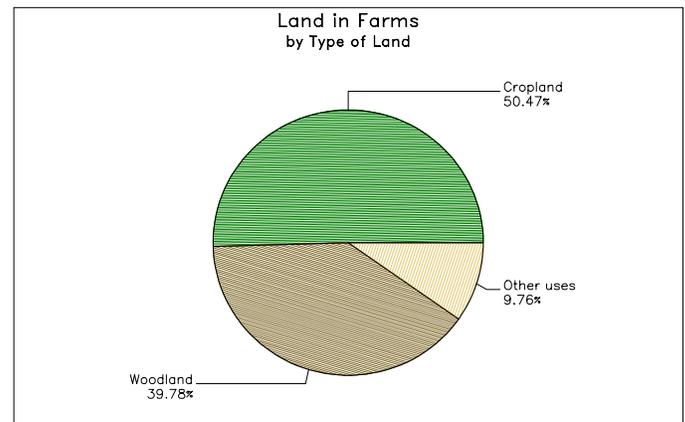
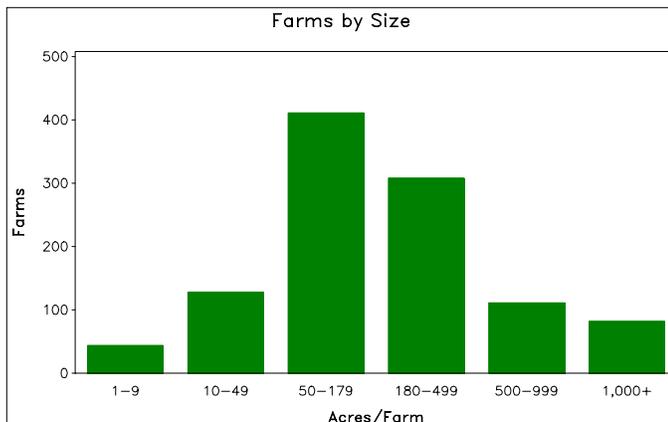
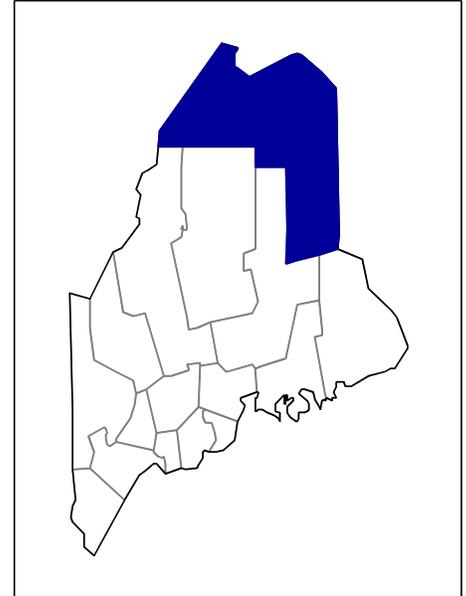
\$111,770 in 2002, \$104,490 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,333,000 in 2002, \$1,382,000 in 1997, up 69 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,312 in 2002, \$3,307 in 1997, up 30 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, New England Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 16 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	121,158	1	16	365	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	117,333	1	16	93	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,825	12	16	2,471	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	107,630	1	16	21	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	684	12	16	1,261	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	744	1	16	66	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,031	2	16	627	3,046
Poultry and eggs	17	14	16	1,765	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,962	2	16	2,185	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,548	12	16	1,142	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	15	16	2,406	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	75	9	16	2,044	3,014
Aquaculture	4	14	15	1,120	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	8,569	4	16	2,181	3,059
Deer	1,820	1	14	15	1,080
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,517	4	16	806	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,494	11	16	1,124	2,983
Horses and ponies	935	5	16	1,375	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Potatoes	59,418	1	16	2	1,551
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	33,073	1	16	640	3,059
Barley	24,587	1	9	43	1,246
Oats	24,143	1	13	1	2,215
All Vegetables harvested	(D)	1	16	(D)	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	(D)	Farming	481
\$1,000 to \$2,499	76	Other	603
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	51	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52	Male	965
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Female	119
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	73	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	71	White	1,558
\$500,000 or more	73	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	96,884	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
Average per farm (\$)	90,885	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	28,447	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	26,686	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	25

(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.