

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Knox, Maine

### Number of farms

275 farms in 2002, 245 farms in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Land in farms

28,581 acres in 2002, 27,789 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

104 acres in 2002, 113 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$5,046,000 in 2002, \$6,056,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,517,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,528,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

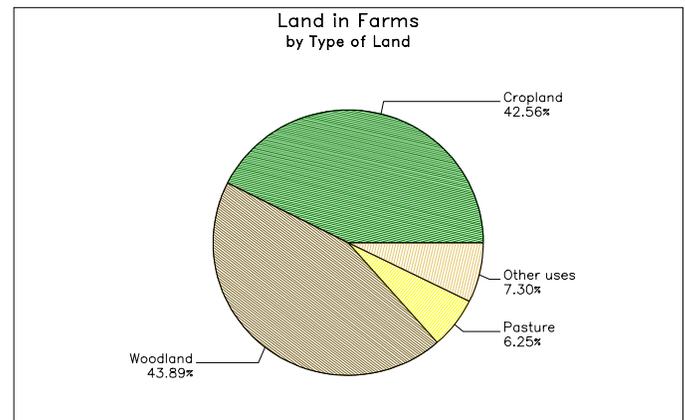
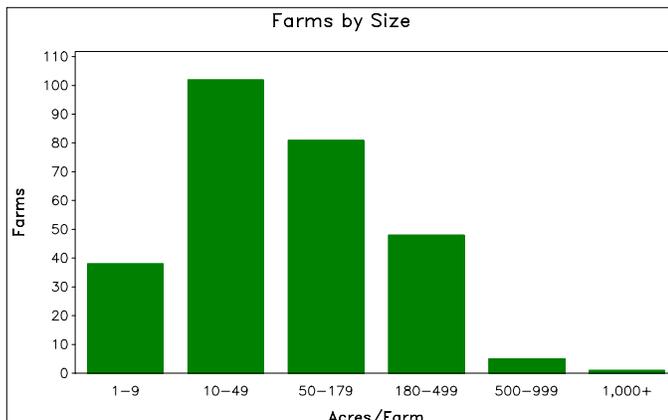
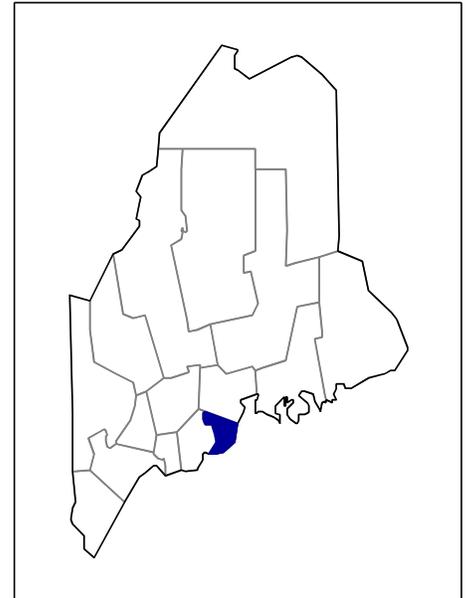
\$18,348 in 2002, \$24,720 in 1997, down 26 percent.

### Government Payments

\$76,000 in 2002, \$35,000 in 1997, up 117 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,402 in 2002, \$2,675 in 1997, up 102 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 16 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	5,046	14	16	2,769	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,517	12	16	2,260	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,528	16	16	2,790	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
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	600	10	16	935	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,611	5	16	267	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	961	10	16	1,113	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	314	12	16	2,272	3,046
Poultry and eggs	192	5	16	1,210	2,918
Cattle and calves	221	14	16	2,903	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	108	2	16	761	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	46	12	16	2,393	3,014
Aquaculture	134	10	15	522	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	81	11	16	948	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Quail	(D)	1	7	(D)	1,412
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	2	16	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	1,436	14	16	2,868	3,059
Ducks	1,400	1	16	87	2,630
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,010	13	16	1,384	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,405	12	16	2,130	3,059
All Berries	1,536	3	16	28	2,019
All Vegetables harvested	329	6	16	768	2,710
Sweet corn	75	8	16	573	2,279
Apples	72	10	16	436	2,173

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	97
\$1,000 to \$2,499	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,638
Average per farm (\$)	24,226
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-890
Average per farm (\$)	-3,250

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	147
Other	128
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	196
Female	79
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	410
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.