

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Oxford, Maine

Number of farms

469 farms in 2002, 459 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

Land in farms

67,406 acres in 2002, 69,307 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

144 acres in 2002, 151 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$14,651,000 in 2002, \$19,869,000 in 1997, down 26 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,216,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,435,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

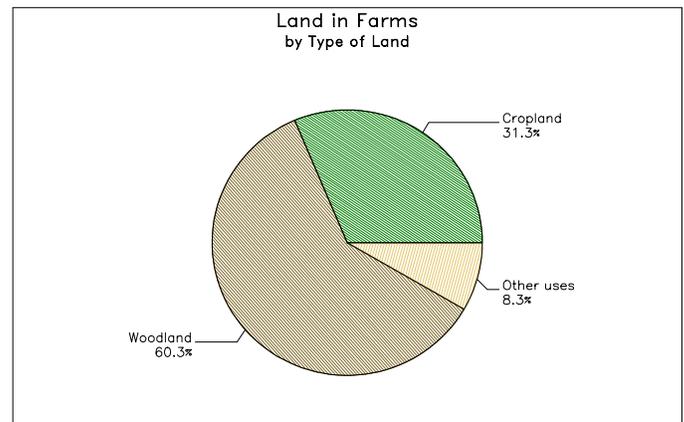
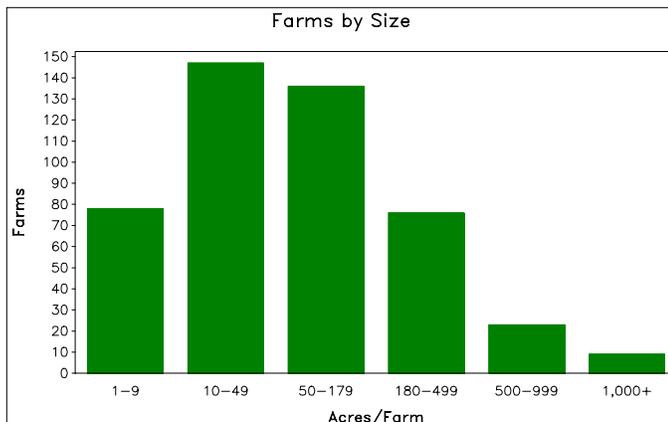
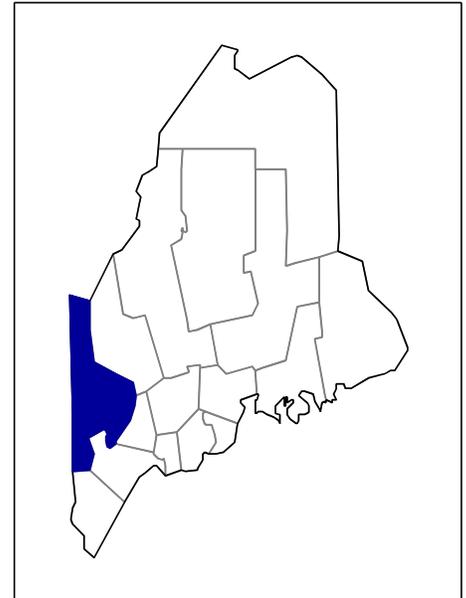
\$31,238 in 2002, \$43,288 in 1997, down 28 percent.

Government Payments

\$241,000 in 2002, \$108,000 in 1997, up 123 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,629 in 2002, \$2,770 in 1997, up 67 percent.



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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	14,651	11	16	2,283	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,216	5	16	1,578	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,435	13	16	2,525	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	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,419	3	16	221	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,329	4	16	602	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	741	7	16	1,548	3,046
Poultry and eggs	103	6	16	1,308	2,918
Cattle and calves	601	9	16	2,701	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,292	9	16	957	2,493
Hogs and pigs	29	8	16	1,907	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	29	11	16	1,650	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	112	6	16	1,669	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	15	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	269	3	16	472	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	3,421	10	16	2,670	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,980	5	16	885	2,983
Colonies of bees	1,644	1	16	326	2,392
Horses and ponies	879	6	16	1,459	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	673	7	16	1,011	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,631	9	16	1,707	3,059
Potatoes	1,384	3	16	137	1,551
Corn for grain	711	2	11	1,891	2,592
Apples	657	2	16	84	2,173
Corn for silage	528	8	14	1,399	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	177	Farming	260
\$1,000 to \$2,499	91	Other	209
\$2,500 to \$4,999	52		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41	Male	356
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	113
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	White	732
\$500,000 or more	7	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,042	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	27,749	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,243	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	9,027	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.