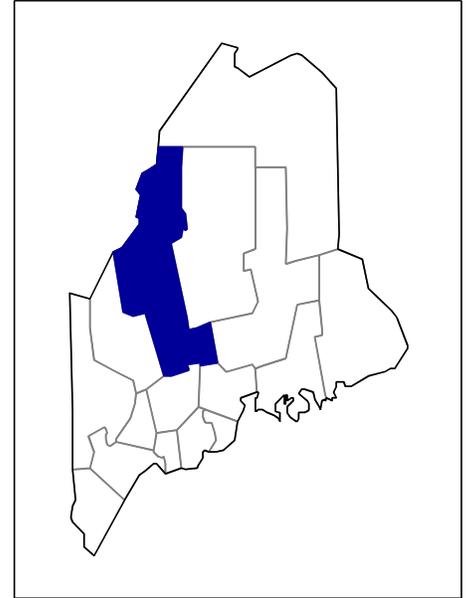


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Somerset, Maine



### Number of farms

504 farms in 2002, 520 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Land in farms

110,124 acres in 2002, 108,719 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

219 acres in 2002, 209 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$24,293,000 in 2002, \$25,420,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,394,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,899,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

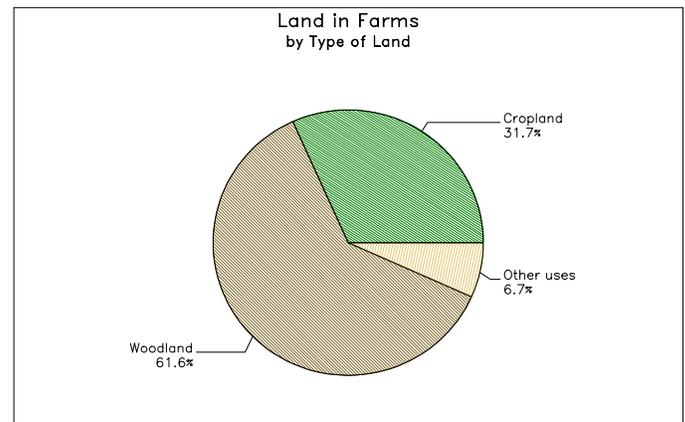
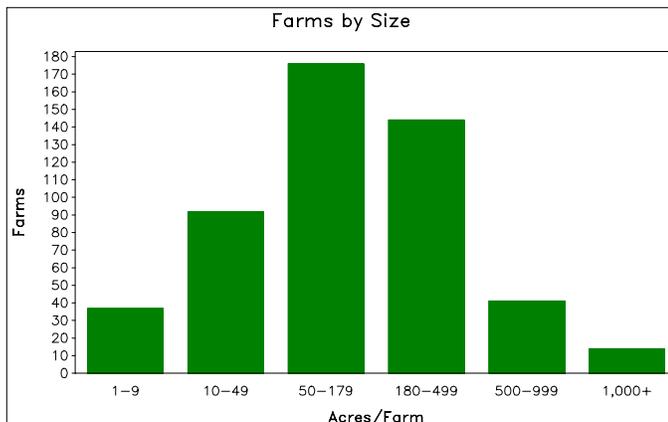
\$48,200 in 2002, \$48,885 in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,107,000 in 2002, \$418,000 in 1997, up 165 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,782 in 2002, \$3,165 in 1997, up 272 percent.



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**Somerset, Maine**

**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	24,293	7	16	1,907	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,394	9	16	1,944	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,899	6	16	1,390	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	152	5	13	2,291	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	234	13	16	1,304	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	756	10	16	419	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	654	13	16	1,288	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	51	9	16	642	1,774
Other crops and hay	4,547	1	16	267	3,046
Poultry and eggs	20	13	16	1,707	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,114	6	16	2,502	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	37	9	16	1,490	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	128	5	16	1,546	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	13,151	3	16	1,843	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,081	8	16	988	2,983
Sheep and lambs	1,132	1	16	888	2,867
Horses and ponies	764	7	16	1,629	3,065
Deer	742	4	14	92	1,080
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,152	4	16	968	3,059
Corn for silage	4,029	3	14	447	2,307
Corn for grain	743	1	11	1,880	2,592
Apples	218	7	16	200	2,173
Soybeans	(D)	2	6	(D)	2,076

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	164
\$1,000 to \$2,499	58
\$2,500 to \$4,999	51
\$5,000 to \$9,999	59
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	44
\$100,000 to \$249,999	36
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7
\$500,000 or more	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	19,655
Average per farm (\$)	39,232
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,721
Average per farm (\$)	15,412

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	278
Other	226
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	431
Female	73
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	777
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	32

(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.