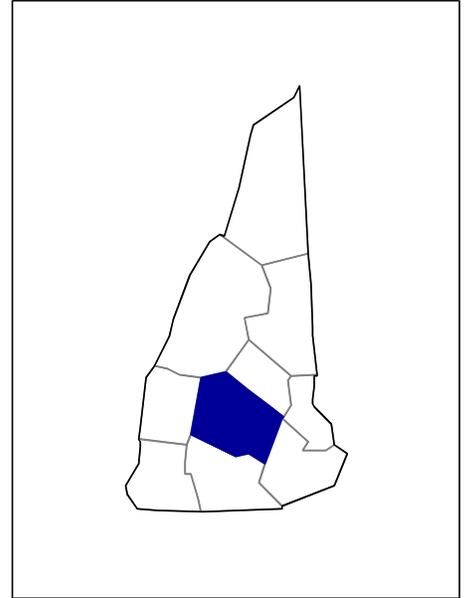


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Number of farms

502 farms in 2002, 550 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

79,169 acres in 2002, 67,895 acres in 1997, up 17 percent.

Average size of farm

158 acres in 2002, 123 acres in 1997, up 28 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$41,162,000 in 2002, \$29,745,000 in 1997, up 38 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$34,054,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,107,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

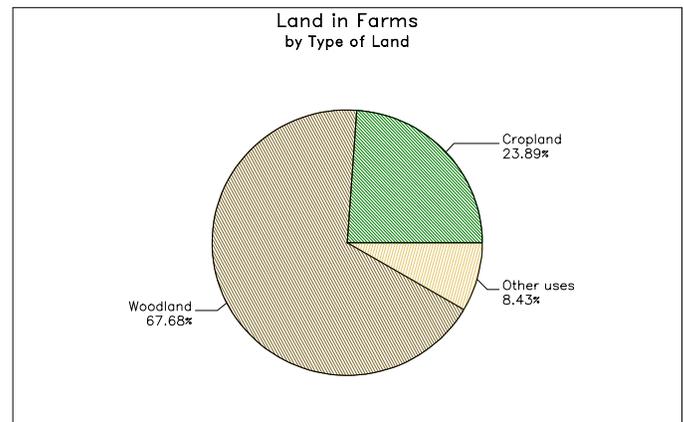
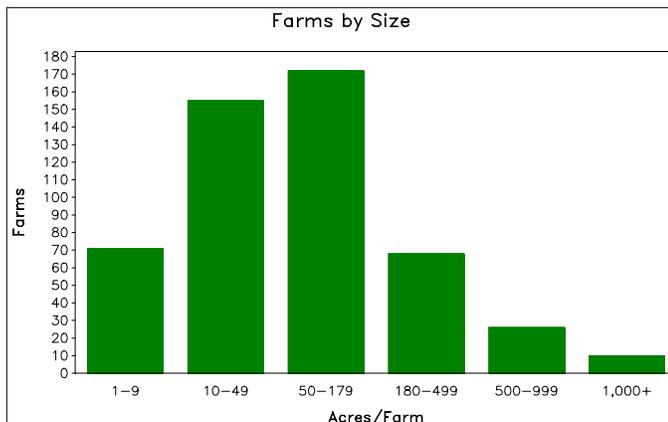
\$81,996 in 2002, \$54,081 in 1997, up 52 percent.

Government Payments

\$487,000 in 2002, \$108,000 in 1997, up 351 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,549 in 2002, \$2,296 in 1997, up 316 percent.



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Ranked items among the 10 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	41,162	1	10	1,399	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	34,054	1	10	769	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,107	5	10	2,125	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	403	2	8	2,052	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	953	3	10	773	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	829	3	10	400	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	30,405	1	10	96	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	112	5	10	402	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,352	1	10	976	3,046
Poultry and eggs	117	5	10	1,276	2,918
Cattle and calves	542	4	10	2,734	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,759	4	10	559	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	216	1	10	416	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	183	2	10	1,191	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	9	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	247	2	10	511	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	5,598	5	10	783	2,983
Cattle and calves	5,556	2	10	2,469	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,319	3	10	921	3,065
Sheep and lambs	1,238	3	10	827	2,867
All Goats	1,069	2	10	440	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,781	2	10	1,796	3,059
Corn for silage	2,554	3	10	645	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	395	3	10	716	2,710
Sod harvested	(D)	1	2	(D)	740
Apples	258	3	10	181	2,173

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	186
\$1,000 to \$2,499	76
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10
\$500,000 or more	9
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	38,182
Average per farm (\$)	76,364
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,344
Average per farm (\$)	12,688

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	260
Other	242
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	372
Female	130
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	806
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	28

(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.