



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Washington, Rhode Island

Number of farms

265 farms in 2002, 324 farms in 1997, down 18 percent.

Land in farms

24,532 acres in 2002, 25,980 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

93 acres in 2002, 80 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$21,148,000 in 2002, \$19,644,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$18,551,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,596,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

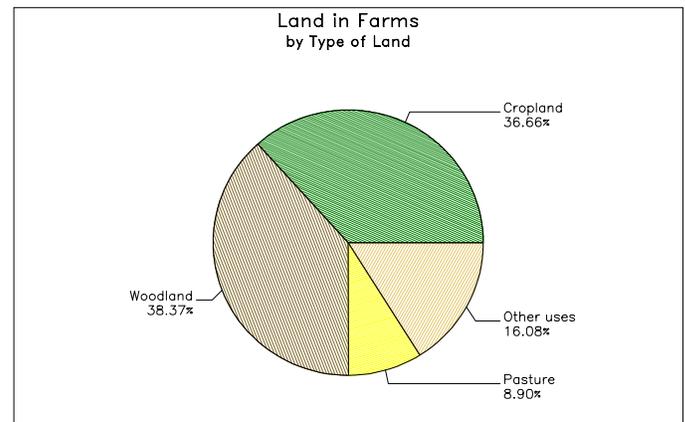
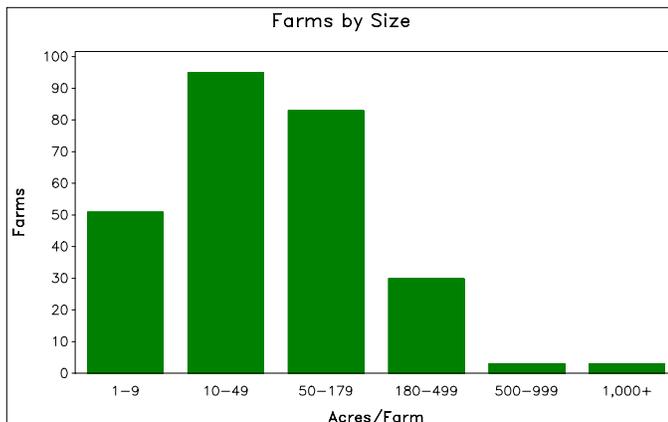
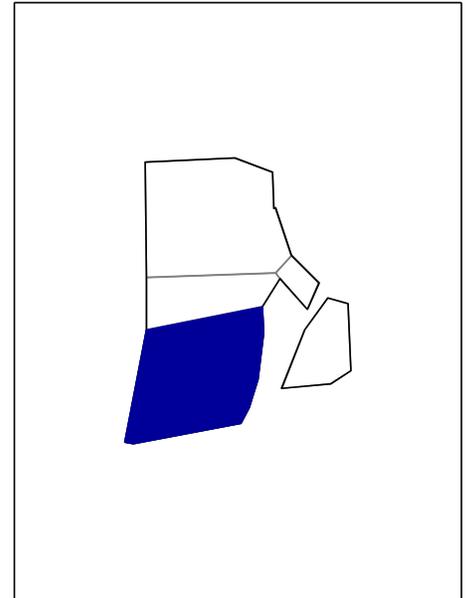
\$79,802 in 2002, \$60,629 in 1997, up 32 percent.

Government Payments

\$144,000 in 2002, \$39,000 in 1997, up 269 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,014 in 2002, \$2,270 in 1997, up 253 percent.



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Ranked items among the 5 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	21,148	1	5	2,053	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,551	1	5	1,227	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,596	2	5	2,624	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	5	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,123	3	5	724	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	5	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	16,814	1	5	168	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	5	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	221	1	5	2,479	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	5	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	284	1	5	2,861	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,155	2	4	1,293	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	4	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	31	2	5	1,599	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	113	2	4	1,655	3,014
Aquaculture	796	1	3	205	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	5	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	4,368	2	5	809	2,983
Cattle and calves	1,799	1	5	2,825	3,059
Sheep and lambs	611	1	5	1,318	2,867
Horses and ponies	590	2	5	1,971	3,065
Colonies of bees	355	1	5	704	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sod harvested	(D)	1	2	(D)	740
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,205	1	5	2,707	3,059
Corn for silage	816	2	5	1,201	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	485	2	5	651	2,710
Sweet corn	290	2	5	291	2,279

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	66
\$1,000 to \$2,499	24
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6
\$500,000 or more	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	16,834
Average per farm (\$)	63,523
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,289
Average per farm (\$)	19,958

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	134
Other	131
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	224
Female	41
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	392
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
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.