

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

Rhode Island

Number of farms

858 farms in 2002, 994 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

61,223 acres in 2002, 65,083 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

71 acres in 2002, 65 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$55,546,000 in 2002, \$51,133,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$47,138,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,408,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

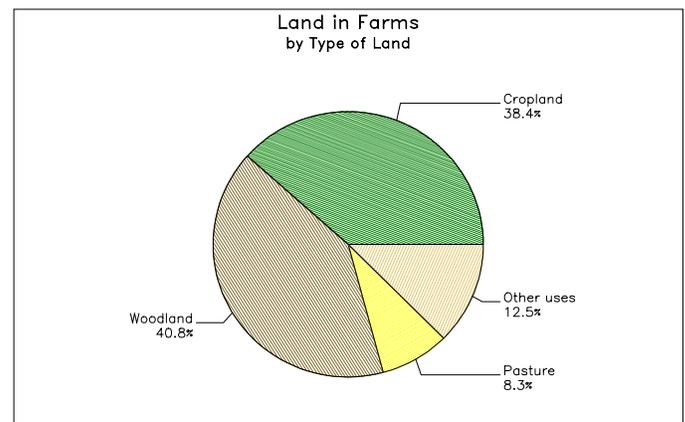
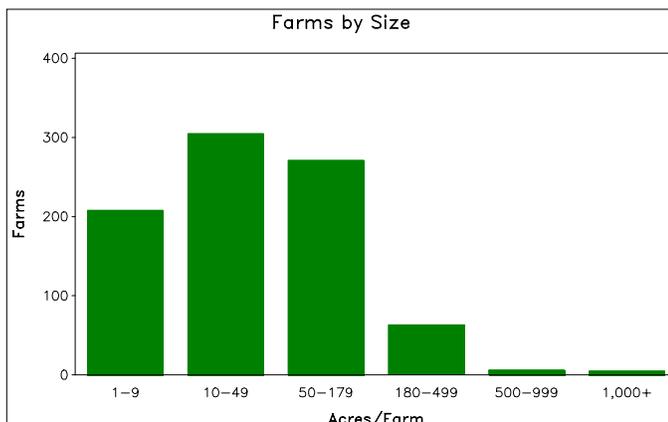
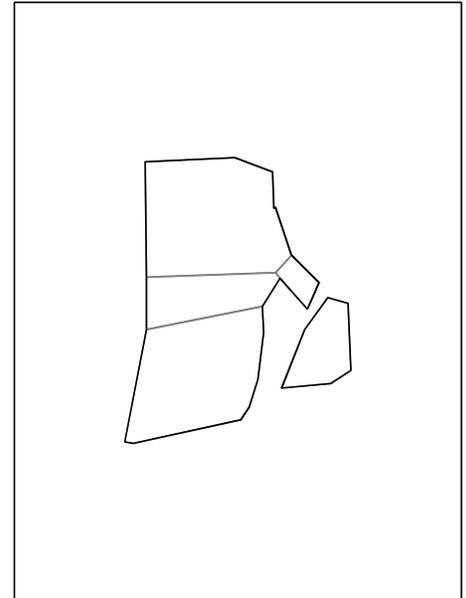
\$64,740 in 2002, \$51,442 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Government Payments

\$528,000 in 2002, \$123,000 in 1997, up 329 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,145 in 2002, \$2,462 in 1997, up 312 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	55,546	49	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	47,138	49	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,408	50	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	171	50	50
Tobacco	-	-	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	5,527	46	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,358	43	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	37,593	39	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	658	37	50
Other crops and hay	831	50	50
Poultry and eggs	1,766	47	50
Cattle and calves	735	50	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,859	49	50
Hogs and pigs	227	49	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	104	48	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	436	48	50
Aquaculture	863	45	50
Other animals and other animal products	419	47	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Layers 20 weeks old and older	38,223	47	50
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	(D)	50
Cattle and calves	5,308	50	50
Pheasants	(D)	(D)	50
Hogs and pigs	2,381	48	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,417	49	50
Sod harvested	2,453	34	50
Corn for silage	2,356	48	49
All Vegetables harvested	1,961	45	50
Nursery stock	1,237	35	50

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	207	Farming	442
\$1,000 to \$2,499	80	Other	416
\$2,500 to \$4,999	110	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	98	Male	716
\$10,000 to \$19,999	94	Female	142
\$20,000 to \$24,999	36	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	45	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20	White	1,263
\$50,000 to \$99,999	56	Black or African American	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	65	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	28	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	48,029	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	55,978	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	29
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,404		
Average per farm (\$)	14,457		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.