

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Chittenden, Vermont

Number of farms

473 farms in 2002, 571 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

Land in farms

76,679 acres in 2002, 91,186 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

Average size of farm

162 acres in 2002, 160 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$28,109,000 in 2002, \$25,886,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,369,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,740,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

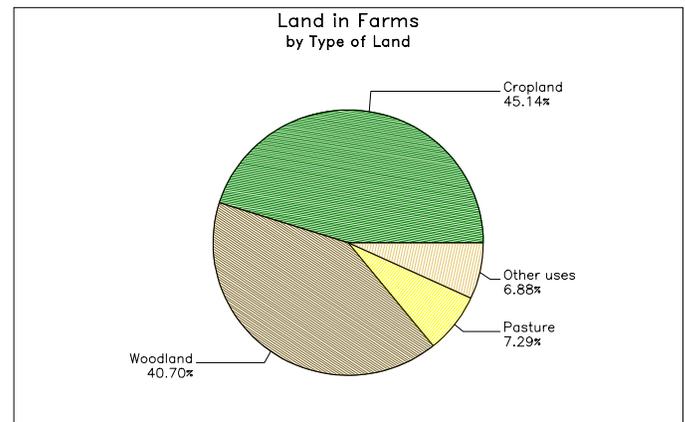
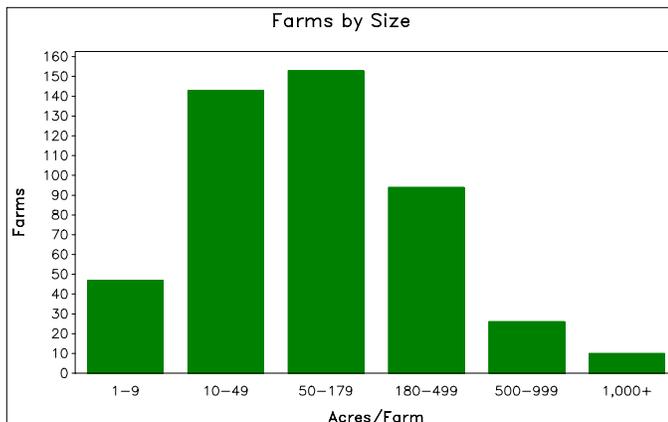
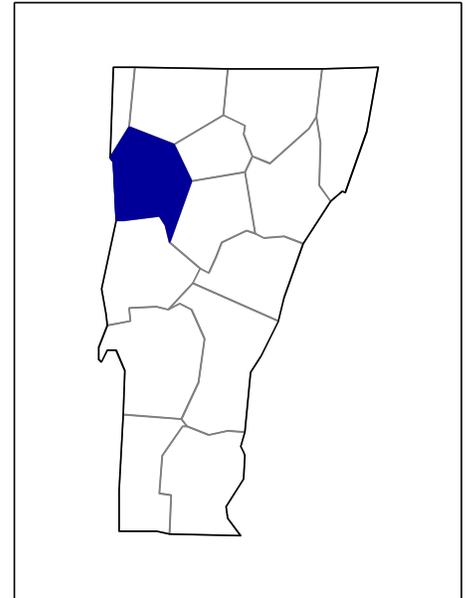
\$59,427 in 2002, \$45,334 in 1997, up 31 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,234,000 in 2002, \$220,000 in 1997, up 461 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,234 in 2002, \$3,863 in 1997, up 320 percent.



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Ranked items among the 14 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	28,109	5	14	1,773	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,369	2	14	1,630	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,740	7	14	1,398	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	102	8	14	2,376	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,730	1	14	573	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	685	3	14	440	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,971	1	14	412	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	140	6	13	345	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,742	6	14	746	3,046
Poultry and eggs	95	5	14	1,330	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,719	7	14	2,266	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	15,439	7	14	271	2,493
Hogs and pigs	81	1	13	1,528	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	34	9	14	1,540	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	315	2	14	694	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	13,421	7	14	1,824	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,382	11	14	1,167	2,983
Colonies of bees	1,091	3	14	419	2,392
Sheep and lambs	1,003	6	14	978	2,867
Horses and ponies	811	6	14	1,550	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,630	7	14	1,030	3,059
Corn for silage	4,525	6	14	399	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	515	1	14	625	2,710
Cut Christmas trees	433	4	14	217	1,877
Corn for grain	331	4	13	2,092	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	120
\$1,000 to \$2,499	78
\$2,500 to \$4,999	60
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37
\$10,000 to \$19,999	45
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33
\$100,000 to \$249,999	41
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16
\$500,000 or more	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,682
Average per farm (\$)	47,852
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,834
Average per farm (\$)	14,418

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	222
Other	251
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	409
Female	64
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	742
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	1
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.