

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Orleans, Vermont

### Number of farms

583 farms in 2002, 649 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Land in farms

132,240 acres in 2002, 142,252 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Average size of farm

227 acres in 2002, 219 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$57,340,000 in 2002, \$58,873,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,246,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$54,094,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

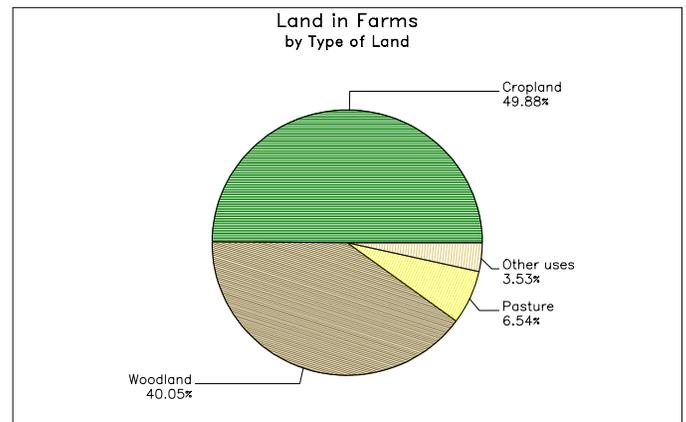
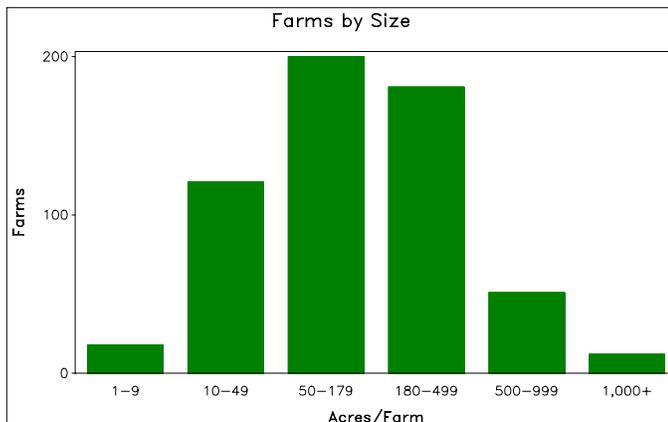
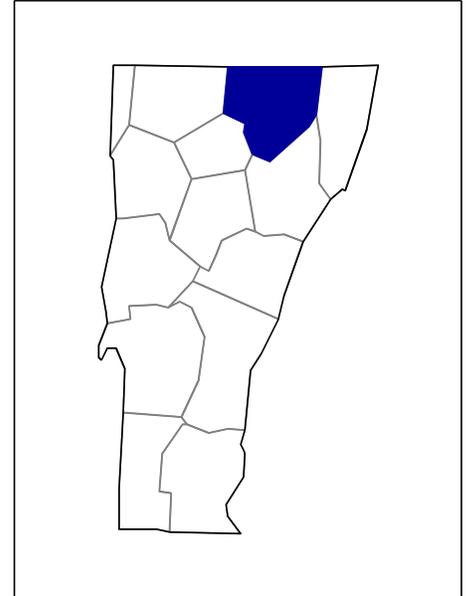
\$98,354 in 2002, \$90,714 in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,712,000 in 2002, \$556,000 in 1997, up 388 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$19,095 in 2002, \$6,113 in 1997, up 212 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 14 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	57,340	3	14	1,002	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,246	11	14	2,306	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	54,094	3	14	507	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	67	11	14	2,471	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	477	12	14	1,449	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	467	2	13	118	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,995	4	14	643	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,808	3	14	1,550	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	48,736	3	14	78	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	12	13	2,503	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	235	3	14	377	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	61	12	14	2,221	3,014
Aquaculture	17	6	11	873	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	40,081	3	14	773	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	3,176	4	14	872	2,983
Sheep and lambs	607	11	14	1,323	2,867
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	599	7	14	1,058	2,599
Horses and ponies	524	11	14	2,103	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	42,738	3	14	433	3,059
Corn for silage	10,193	3	14	149	2,307
Cut Christmas trees	710	2	14	130	1,877
Corn for grain	170	8	13	2,220	2,592
Oats	74	3	10	1,612	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	93
\$1,000 to \$2,499	59
\$2,500 to \$4,999	55
\$5,000 to \$9,999	76
\$10,000 to \$19,999	44
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12
\$25,000 to \$39,999	23
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28
\$50,000 to \$99,999	50
\$100,000 to \$249,999	97
\$250,000 to \$499,999	29
\$500,000 or more	17
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	51,146
Average per farm (\$)	88,335
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	16,271
Average per farm (\$)	28,103

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	395
Other	188
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	523
Female	60
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.2
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	962
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	10
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	17

(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.