

FARM NUMBERS

Results from the 2002 Census of Agriculture, released February 3, 2004, showed increased levels for farm numbers and land in farms for the six New England States, which also resulted in revised levels for the years 1998 through 2002. Census data for 2002 was adjusted for non-response and under-coverage which resulted in a higher farm number count in all States except Vermont, when compared to estimated farm counts published a year earlier. The New England farm count for 2003 totaled 28,250 farms, down fractionally from the revised 2002 count due to the loss of 100 farms in the State of Vermont. New England land in farms, at 4.01 million acres in 2003, was also down fractionally from the revised 2002 farmland area total. An estimated 10,000 acres were lost from agriculture in the State of Vermont from a year earlier. Maine accounted for the most land in farms in the region in 2003 with 1.37 million acres, followed by Vermont with 1.25 million acres. The average size of a farm in New England was 142 acres in 2003, ranging from 71 acres per farm in the highly populated State of Rhode Island to 192 acres per farm in the dairy

State of Vermont. New England farm operations with less than \$10,000 in sales totaled 18,840 farms in 2003, or 67 percent of all farms operating, unchanged from a year earlier.

Definitions: A **farm** is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of the agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Commodities are defined as agriculture based on the 1997 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as jointly developed by the United States Office of Management and Budget, Statistics Canada, and the Mexican Institute of National Statistics. Land in farms includes crop and livestock acreage, wasteland, woodland, pasture, land in summer fallow, idle cropland, and land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program and other set aside or commodity acreage programs. It excludes public, industrial, and grazing association land and nonagricultural land.

FARMS: ^{1/} Number, Size and Land in Farms, 1994 - 2003 and Value per Acre January 1, 1995 - 2004

State and Year	Farms ^{2/}	Average Size of Farm ^{2/}	Land in Farms ^{2/}	Farm Real Estate Value per Acre January 1 Following Year ^{3/}	Cropland Value per Acre January 1 Following Year ^{4/ 5/}	Pasture Value per Acre January 1 Following Year ^{5/ 6/}
	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	Dollars		
Connecticut						
1994	4,100	95	390	5,950	--	--
1995	4,100	93	380	5,950	--	--
1996	4,100	93	380	5,950	--	--
1997	4,100	93	380	5,950	--	--
1998	4,300	88	380	6,500	--	--
1999	4,250	87	370	7,050	--	--
2000	4,200	86	360	7,700	--	--
2001	4,200	86	360	8,500	--	--
2002	4,200	86	360	9,500		
2003	4,200	86	360	^{7/}		
Maine						
1994	7,400	184	1,360	1,130	--	--
1995	7,400	180	1,330	1,150	--	--
1996	7,200	182	1,310	1,170	--	--
1997	7,000	183	1,280	1,190	--	--
1998	7,100	182	1,290	1,300	--	--
1999	7,100	186	1,320	1,400	--	--
2000	7,100	190	1,350	1,500	--	--
2001	7,150	189	1,350	1,600	--	--
2002	7,200	190	1,370	1,750		
2003	7,200	190	1,370	^{7/}		
Massachusetts						
1994	6,100	97	590	5,060	--	--
1995	6,000	95	570	5,100	--	--
1996	6,000	95	570	5,150	--	--
1997	6,000	95	570	5,210	--	--
1998	6,000	90	540	5,800	--	--
1999	6,100	89	540	6,500	--	--
2000	6,100	89	540	7,300	--	--
2001	6,100	85	520	8,100	--	--
2002	6,100	85	520	9,300		
2003	6,100	85	520	^{7/}		

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New Hampshire						
1994	2,700	156	420	2,250	--	--
1995	2,800	150	420	2,250	--	--
1996	2,900	145	420	2,250	--	--
1997	3,000	140	420	2,250	--	--
1998	3,200	134	430	2,300	--	--
1999	3,300	133	440	2,400	--	--
2000	3,300	133	440	2,550	--	--
2001	3,300	133	440	2,800	--	--
2002	3,400	132	450	3,100	--	--
2003	3,400	132	450	7/	--	--
Rhode Island						
1994	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1995	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1996	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1997	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1998	800	75	60	6,900	--	--
1999	800	75	60	7,300	--	--
2000	800	75	60	7,700	--	--
2001	830	72	60	8,300	--	--
2002	850	71	60	9,300	--	--
2003	850	71	60	7/	--	--
Vermont						
1994	6,400	219	1,400	1,450	--	--
1995	6,400	214	1,370	1,490	--	--
1996	6,500	206	1,340	1,500	--	--
1997	6,600	202	1,330	1,520	--	--
1998	6,700	197	1,320	1,600	--	--
1999	6,700	194	1,300	1,700	--	--
2000	6,600	192	1,270	1,800	--	--
2001	6,600	192	1,270	1,900	--	--
2002	6,600	191	1,260	2,050	--	--
2003	6,500	192	1,250	7/	--	--
New England						
1994	27,450	154	4,225	2,424	--	--
1995	27,450	151	4,135	2,444	--	--
1996	27,450	149	4,085	2,474	4,260	3,910
1997	27,450	147	4,045	2,508	4,290	3,900
1998	28,100	143	4,020	2,685	2,840	2,630
1999	28,250	143	4,030	2,896	3,240	3,000
2000	28,100	143	4,020	3,137	3,510	3,230
2001	28,180	142	4,000	3,394	5,240	3,590
2002	28,350	142	4,020	3,779	5,920	3,880
2003	28,250	142	4,010	7/	7/	7/

^{1/} Any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Commodities are defined as agriculture based on the 1997 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

^{2/} Beginning in 1997, Farm Numbers, Average Size of Farm, and Land in Farms reflect the entire year. For all previous years, these statistics refer to information as of June 1.

^{3/} Average farm real estate value includes value of land and buildings.

^{4/} Average cropland value is only available for the six New England States, combined.

^{5/} Farm operations and land in farms were revised from 1998 to 2002 based on the results of the undercoverage adjustment (i.e. farms that were not on the mailing list) to the 2002 Census of Agriculture. Years prior to 1998 were not revised.

^{6/} Average pasture value is only available for the six New England States and Delaware, combined.

^{7/} Farm Real Estate values, cropland values, and pasture values will be available August 6, 2004.