FARM NUMBERS

The New England farm count for 2004 totaled 28,150 farms, a loss of 100 farms from a year earlier. New England land in farms, at 4.01 million acres in 2004, was unchanged from the 2003 farmland area total. An estimated 100 farms were lost from agriculture in the State of Vermont from a year earlier; however, acreage devoted to farmland remained unchanged. Maine accounted for the most land in farms in the region in 2004 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 2004, ranging from 71 acres per farm in the highly populated State of Rhode Island to 195 acres per farm in the dairy State of Vermont. New England farm operations with less than \$10,000 in sales totaled 18,740 farms in 2004, or 67 percent of all farms operating, unchanged from a year earlier.

The definition of a farm has remained the same since 1974: the value of sales of agricultural products must be at least \$1,000 or more during the year. Activities included as agriculture, however, have undergone modifications in recent years. In the years since 1997, 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, 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. For further details concerning the farm definition history, please access the NASS website (www.usda.gov/nass).

FARMS: 1/ Number, Size and Land in Farms, 1995 - 2004 and Value per Acre January 1, 1995 - 2004

State and Year	Farms ^{3/}	Average Size of Farm ^{3/}	Land in Farms ³	Farm Real Estate Value per Acre January 1 4/	Cropland Value per Acre January 1 ^{5/7/}	Pasture Value per Acre January 1 ^{6/7/}
	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres		Dollars	
Connecticut						
1995	4,100	93	380	5,950		
1996	4,100	93	380	5,950		
1997 ^{2/}	4,100	93	380	5,950		
1998	4,300	88	380	5,950		
1999	4,250	87	370	6,500		
2000	4,200	86	360	7,050		
2001	4,200	86	360	7,700		
2002	4,200	86	360	8,500		
2003	4,200	86	360	9,500		
2004	4,200	86	360	10,200		
Maine						
1995	7,400	180	1,330	1,130		
1996	7,200	182	1,310	1,150		
1997 ^{2/}	7,000	183	1,280	1,170		
1998	7,100	182	1,290	1,190		
1999	7,100	186	1,320	1,300		
2000	7,100	190	1,350	1,400		
2001	7,150	189	1,350	1,500		
2002	7,200	190	1,370	1,600		
2003	7,200	190	1,370	1,750		
2004	7,200	190	1,370	1,850		
Massachuset	rts					
1995	6,000	95	570	5,060		
1996	6,000	95	570	5,100		
1997 ^{2/}	6,000	95	570	5,150		
1998	6,000	90	540	5,210		
1999	6,100	89	540	5,800		
2000	6,100	89	540	6,500		
2001	6,100	85	520	7,300		
2002	6,100	85	520	8,100		
2003	6,100	85	520	9,300		
2004	6,100	85	520	9,900		

See footnotes after the New England table.

FARMS: 1/ Number, Size and Land in Farms, 1995 - 2004 and Value per Acre January 1, 1995 - 2004

Number Acres 1,000 Acres Dollars	Pasture Value per Acre January 1 6/7/	Cropland Value per Acre January 1 ^{5/7/}	Farm Real Estate Value per Acre January 1 ⁴	Land in Farms ^{3/}	Average Size of Farm ^{3/}	Farms ^{3/}	State and Year
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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).

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.

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.

Average farm real estate value includes value of land and buildings.

Average cropland value is only available for the six New England States, combined.

Average pasture value is only available for the six New England States and Delaware, combined.

Cropland and pasture value per acre is unavailable prior to January 1, 1997.