

## 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](http://www.usda.gov/nass)).

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and Value per Acre January 1, 1995 - 2004**

State and Year	Farms <sup>3/</sup>	Average Size of Farm <sup>3/</sup>	Land in Farms <sup>3/</sup>	Farm Real Estate Value per Acre January 1 <sup>4/</sup>	Cropland Value per Acre January 1 <sup>5/7/</sup>	Pasture Value per Acre January 1 <sup>6/7/</sup>
	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	Dollars		
<b>Connecticut</b>						
1995	4,100	93	380	5,950	--	--
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1997 <sup>2/</sup>	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	--	--
<b>Maine</b>						
1995	7,400	180	1,330	1,130	--	--
1996	7,200	182	1,310	1,150	--	--
1997 <sup>2/</sup>	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	--	--
<b>Massachusetts</b>						
1995	6,000	95	570	5,060	--	--
1996	6,000	95	570	5,100	--	--
1997 <sup>2/</sup>	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.

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	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	Dollars		
<b>New Hampshire</b>						
1995	2,800	150	420	2,250	--	--
1996	2,900	145	420	2,250	--	--
1997 <sup>2/</sup>	3,000	140	420	2,250	--	--
1998	3,200	134	430	2,250	--	--
1999	3,300	133	440	2,300	--	--
2000	3,300	133	440	2,400	--	--
2001	3,300	133	440	2,550	--	--
2002	3,400	132	450	2,800	--	--
2003	3,400	132	450	3,100	--	--
2004	3,400	132	450	3,250	--	--
<b>Rhode Island</b>						
1995	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1996	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1997 <sup>2/</sup>	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1998	800	75	60	6,500	--	--
1999	800	75	60	6,900	--	--
2000	800	75	60	7,300	--	--
2001	830	72	60	7,700	--	--
2002	850	71	60	8,300	--	--
2003	850	71	60	9,300	--	--
2004	850	71	60	10,200	--	--
<b>Vermont</b>						
1995	6,400	214	1,370	1,450	--	--
1996	6,500	206	1,340	1,490	--	--
1997 <sup>2/</sup>	6,600	202	1,330	1,500	--	--
1998	6,700	197	1,320	1,520	--	--
1999	6,700	194	1,300	1,600	--	--
2000	6,600	192	1,270	1,700	--	--
2001	6,600	192	1,270	1,800	--	--
2002	6,600	191	1,260	1,900	--	--
2003	6,500	192	1,250	2,050	--	--
2004	6,400	195	1,250	2,150	--	--
<b>New England</b>						
1995	27,450	151	4,135	2,419	--	--
1996	27,450	149	4,085	2,457	--	--
1997 <sup>2/</sup>	27,450	147	4,045	2,486	4,260	3,910
1998	28,100	143	4,020	2,481	4,290	3,900
1999	28,250	143	4,030	2,670	2,840	2,630
2000	28,100	143	4,020	2,883	3,240	3,000
2001	28,180	142	4,000	3,116	3,510	3,230
2002	28,350	142	4,020	3,387	5,240	3,590
2003	28,250	142	4,010	3,783	5,920	3,880
2004	28,150	142	4,010	4,019	6,250	4,070

<sup>1/</sup> 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).

<sup>2/</sup> 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.

<sup>3/</sup> 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.

<sup>4/</sup> Average farm real estate value includes value of land and buildings.

<sup>5/</sup> Average cropland value is only available for the six New England States, combined.

<sup>6/</sup> Average pasture value is only available for the six New England States and Delaware, combined.

<sup>7/</sup> Cropland and pasture value per acre is unavailable prior to January 1, 1997.