

FARM NUMBERS

The New England farm count for 2005 totaled 27,950 farms, a loss of 200 farms from a year earlier. New England land in farms was 4.01 million acres in 2005, unchanged from the 2004 farmland area total. An estimated 100 farms were lost from agriculture in both Maine and Vermont from a year earlier; however, acreage devoted to farmland remained unchanged in those states. Maine accounted for the most farm land in the region in 2005 with 1.37 million acres, followed by Vermont with 1.25 million acres.

The average size of a farm in New England was 143 acres in 2005, ranging from 71 acres per farm in the densely populated State of Rhode Island to 198 acres per farm in the dairy State of Vermont. New England farm operations with less than \$10,000 in sales totaled 18,540 farms in 2005, or 66 percent of all farms operating, a decrease of 200 farms from a year earlier.

The definition of a farm has remained the same since 1974: any place which produced and sold, or normally would have produced and sold, \$1,000 worth of agricultural products 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.nass.usda.gov).

**FARMS: ^{1/} Number, Size and Land in Farms, 1996 – 2005
and Value per Acre January 1, 1996 – 2005**

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						
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	–	–
2005	4,200	86	360	10,800	–	–
MAINE						
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	–	–
2005	7,100	193	1,370	1,950	–	–
MASSACHUSETTS						
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	–	–
2005	6,100	85	520	10,500	–	–

See footnotes after the New England table.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE						
1996	2,900	145	420	2,250	–	–
1997 ^{2/}	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	–	–
2005	3,400	132	450	3,450	–	–
RHODE ISLAND						
1996	750	87	65	6,500	–	–
1997 ^{2/}	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	–	–
2005	850	71	60	11,200	–	–
VERMONT						
1996	6,500	206	1,340	1,490	–	–
1997 ^{2/}	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	–	–
2005	6,300	198	1,250	2,300	–	–
NEW ENGLAND						
1996	27,450	149	4,085	2,457	4,260	3,910
1997 ^{2/}	27,450	147	4,045	2,486	4,260	3,910
1998	28,100	143	4,020	1,481	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	5,240	3,880
2004	28,150	142	4,010	4,010	5,920	4,140
2005	27,950	143	4,010	4,260	6,610	4,480

^{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 1996, these statistics refer to information as of June 1.

^{3/} Beginning in 1998 farm operations and land in farms were recalculated to the 2002 Census of Agriculture to account for under coverage (i.e. farms that were not on the mailing list). Years prior to 1998 were not reweighted.

^{4/} Average farm real estate value of land and buildings.

^{5/} Average cropland value is only available for the six New England States, combined.

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

^{7/} Cropland and pasture value per acre is unavailable prior to January 1, 1997.