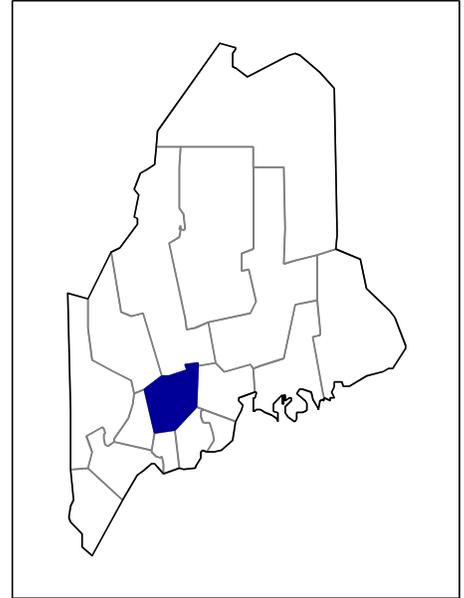


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Number of farms

575 farms in 2002, 567 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

86,168 acres in 2002, 96,958 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Average size of farm

150 acres in 2002, 171 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$30,229,000 in 2002, \$46,468,000 in 1997, down 35 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,899,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$23,330,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

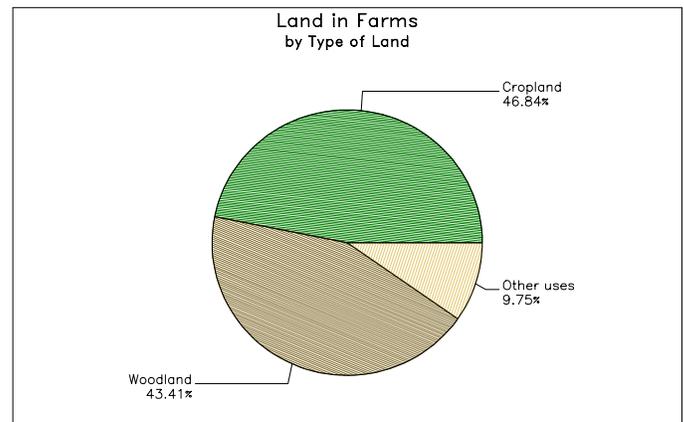
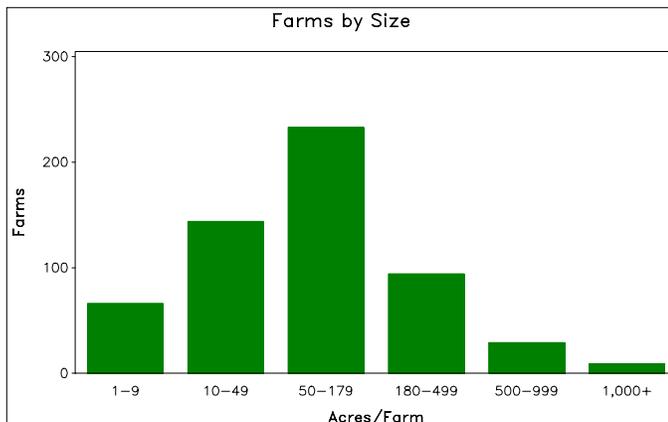
\$52,571 in 2002, \$81,954 in 1997, down 36 percent.

Government Payments

\$971,000 in 2002, \$173,000 in 1997, up 461 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,949 in 2002, \$3,149 in 1997, up 311 percent.



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Ranked items among the 16 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	30,229	4	16	1,695	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,899	8	16	1,889	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	23,330	3	16	1,166	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	58	7	13	2,499	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	592	11	16	945	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,471	6	16	287	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,705	3	16	549	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	107	6	16	415	1,774
Other crops and hay	965	5	16	1,275	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,849	3	16	2,221	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	19,794	1	16	227	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	49	6	16	1,279	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	950	1	16	145	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	15,456	1	16	1,713	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,832	10	16	1,048	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,695	3	16	787	2,599
Horses and ponies	1,339	4	16	905	3,065
Colonies of bees	1,208	2	16	395	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,980	2	16	794	3,059
Corn for silage	4,044	2	14	444	2,307
Apples	475	3	16	115	2,173
Cut Christmas trees	300	4	16	293	1,877
All Vegetables harvested ³	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	197	Farming	298
\$1,000 to \$2,499	89	Other	277
\$2,500 to \$4,999	67	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	63	Male	454
\$10,000 to \$19,999	39	Female	121
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	White	897
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	42	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	11	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,443	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	47,644	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	17
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,346		
Average per farm (\$)	9,282		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.