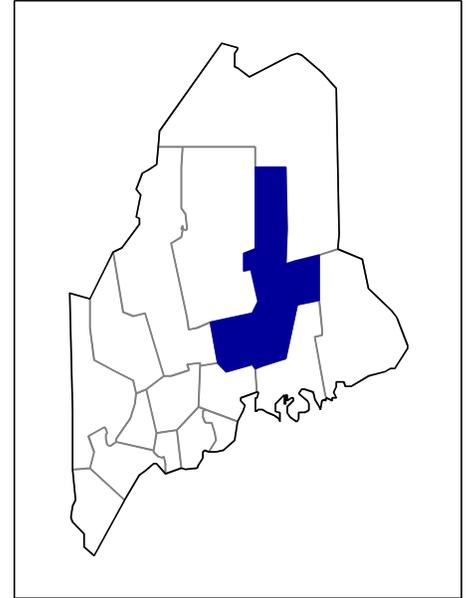


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Penobscot, Maine



### Number of farms

575 farms in 2002, 660 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

### Land in farms

107,082 acres in 2002, 121,666 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Average size of farm

186 acres in 2002, 184 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$28,955,000 in 2002, \$30,252,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,096,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$18,859,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

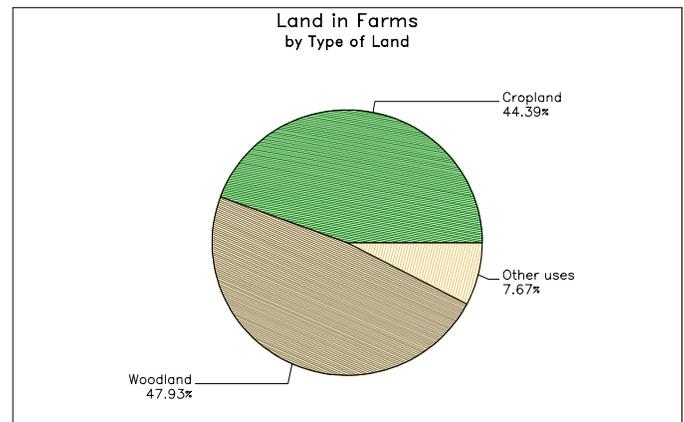
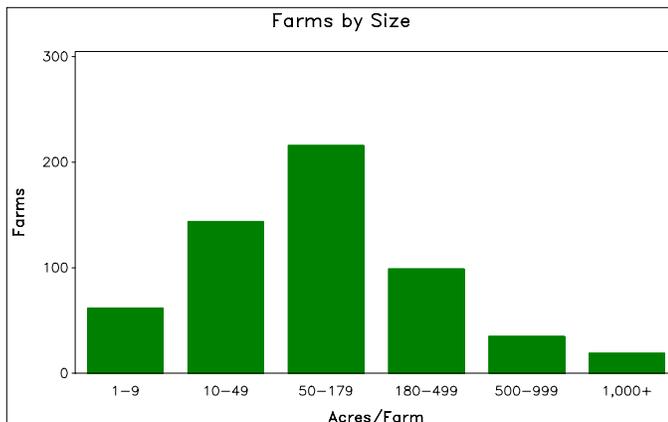
\$50,357 in 2002, \$45,836 in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,417,000 in 2002, \$396,000 in 1997, up 258 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,612 in 2002, \$4,767 in 1997, up 207 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	28,955	5	16	1,737	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,096	6	16	1,645	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,859	5	16	1,349	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	745	2	13	1,863	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,971	2	16	309	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	767	9	16	413	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,997	5	16	805	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	436	2	16	129	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,180	4	16	1,082	3,046
Poultry and eggs	45	10	16	1,490	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,409	4	16	2,389	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	16,824	2	16	249	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	41	7	16	1,418	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	104	8	16	1,744	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	13,155	2	16	1,842	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,256	6	16	954	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,340	3	16	904	3,065
Deer	988	3	14	69	1,080
Colonies of bees <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,130	3	16	932	3,059
Corn for silage	6,811	1	14	268	2,307
Potatoes	3,011	2	16	75	1,551
Barley	1,036	2	9	282	1,246
Cut Christmas trees	774	2	16	115	1,877

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	202	Farming	270
\$1,000 to \$2,499	83	Other	305
\$2,500 to \$4,999	62	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	52	Male	444
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36	Female	131
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	38	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	White	883
\$50,000 to \$99,999	24	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	14	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,480	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	47,875	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,750		
Average per farm (\$)	11,759		

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

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