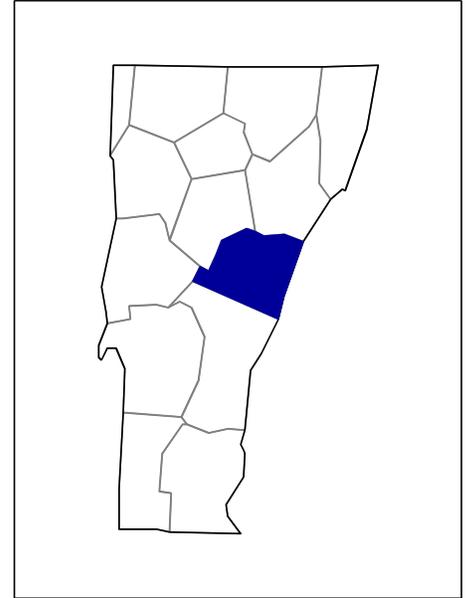


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Orange, Vermont



### Number of farms

680 farms in 2002, 654 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Land in farms

110,415 acres in 2002, 102,549 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Average size of farm

162 acres in 2002, 157 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$32,008,000 in 2002, \$25,786,000 in 1997, up 24 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,078,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$25,929,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

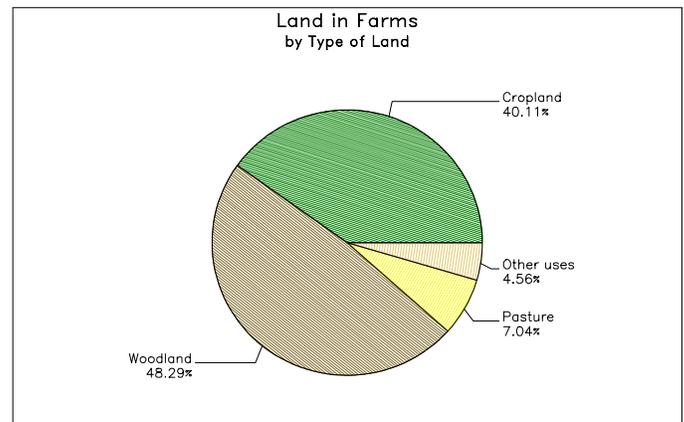
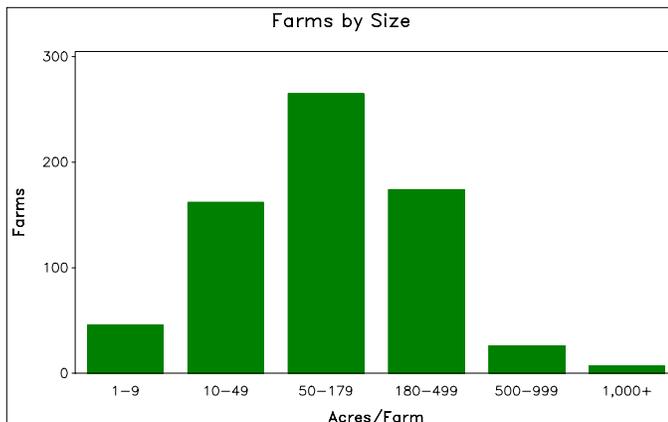
\$47,070 in 2002, \$39,427 in 1997, up 19 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,398,000 in 2002, \$148,000 in 1997, up 845 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,312 in 2002, \$3,800 in 1997, up 250 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 14 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	32,008	4	14	1,644	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,078	5	14	1,976	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,929	4	14	1,062	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	105	6	14	2,369	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	931	5	14	785	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	283	8	14	761	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,875	2	14	651	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	113	7	13	401	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,771	5	14	735	3,046
Poultry and eggs	53	8	14	1,450	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,850	4	14	1,940	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	22,509	4	14	201	2,493
Hogs and pigs	73	2	13	1,570	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	86	6	14	903	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	157	9	14	1,345	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	19,395	4	14	1,493	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,406	6	14	939	2,983
Sheep and lambs	1,813	2	14	611	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,207	3	14	1,027	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	507	9	14	1,104	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,022	5	14	820	3,059
Corn for silage	4,928	5	14	373	2,307
Cut Christmas trees	328	6	14	274	1,877
All Vegetables harvested	276	4	14	833	2,710
Pumpkins	(D)	1	14	(D)	1,714

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	(D)
\$1,000 to \$2,499	150
\$2,500 to \$4,999	79
\$5,000 to \$9,999	69
\$10,000 to \$19,999	54
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	25
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43
\$100,000 to \$249,999	73
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13
\$500,000 or more	9
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	32,092
Average per farm (\$)	47,333
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,011
Average per farm (\$)	8,865

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	304
Other	376
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	572
Female	108
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,073
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	4
More than one race	4
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	41

(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.