

**Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997**

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Item	Vermont	Addison	Bennington	Caledonia	Chittenden	Essex	Franklin
<b>F FARMS</b>							
Land in farms	farms, 2002	6,571	676	228	505	473	98
1997	7,063	784	214	550	571	89	770
acres, 2002	1,244,909	193,376	41,126	84,318	76,679	19,838	835
1997	1,315,315	209,469	34,766	99,488	91,186	25,443	190,115
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	4,373	488	143	359	299	77
1997	5,273	659	155	424	405	76	539
acres, 2002	454,699	107,173	9,745	28,751	27,648	6,806	659
1997	473,026	111,731	8,837	30,850	32,598	8,202	80,958
<b>T TENURE</b>							
Full owners	farms, 2002	4,011	373	139	305	302	67
1997	4,218	417	127	337	370	61	476
acres, 2002	538,160	55,793	19,267	34,351	35,535	(D)	516
1997	552,121	62,425	16,625	(D)	41,745	(D)	79,685
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	2,408	230	84	190	170	51
1997	2,932	329	89	240	243	48	304
acres, 2002	104,930	17,245	1,708	6,045	6,198	(D)	390
1997	125,037	22,601	2,031	8,347	8,982	(D)	25,028
Part owners	farms, 2002	2,162	253	70	177	141	25
1997	2,295	290	68	191	152	25	261
acres, 2002	645,263	122,695	15,456	48,250	38,592	8,374	259
1997	676,928	123,440	15,806	51,508	43,674	9,551	103,341
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	411,667	80,195	8,288	31,220	21,931	9,031
1997	434,683	80,044	9,245	32,130	25,934	6,705	98,031
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	233,596	42,500	7,168	17,030	16,761	2,305
1997	242,245	43,396	6,561	19,378	17,740	2,846	33,031
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	1,713	221	49	154	107	215
1997	1,979	275	53	168	125	25	231
acres, 2002	321,353	79,328	6,787	21,921	20,427	4,452	52,657
1997	306,457	75,167	5,513	21,621	20,645	5,064	42,784
Tenants	farms, 2002	398	50	19	23	30	6
1997	550	77	19	22	49	3	33
acres, 2002	61,486	14,888	6,403	1,717	2,552	(D)	60
1997	86,266	23,604	2,335	(D)	5,767	(D)	7,089
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	252	37	10	15	22	2
1997	362	55	13	16	37	3	20
acres, 2002	28,416	10,600	1,250	785	1,023	(D)	38
1997	41,532	13,963	1,293	882	2,971	(D)	3,273
<b>2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>							
Total operators	number	10,784	1,155	374	837	765	164
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator		3,200	291	124	236	233	40
2 operators		2,834	314	86	233	208	52
3 operators		365	54	8	21	17	4
4 operators		115	13	3	11	11	2
5 or more operators		57	4	7	4	-	8
Total women operators	number	3,586	389	119	287	228	56
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator		3,154	356	87	269	205	56
2 operators		170	15	16	9	10	-
3 operators		16	1	-	-	1	2
4 operators		11	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>							
Sex of operator:							
Male	farms, 2002	5,604	569	201	425	409	88
1997	5,996	678	188	470	451	80	707
acres, 2002	1,150,559	185,632	38,705	78,003	68,249	18,285	772
1997	1,192,198	197,069	26,479	91,379	79,970	22,410	183,416
Female	farms, 2002	967	107	27	80	64	10
1997	1,067	106	26	80	120	9	63
acres, 2002	94,350	7,744	2,421	6,315	8,430	1,553	63
1997	123,117	12,400	8,287	8,109	11,216	3,033	6,699
Primary occupation:							
Farming	2002	3,486	405	130	250	222	51
1997	3,615	468	102	275	254	60	504
Other	2002	3,085	271	98	255	251	47
1997	3,448	316	112	275	317	29	494
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Place of residence <sup>1</sup> :							
On farm operated	2002	5,718	615	187	443	411	74
1997	5,883	664	171	468	465	70	678
Not on farm operated	2002	853	61	41	62	62	24
1997	763	86	37	51	74	6	92
Days worked off farm <sup>1</sup> :							
None	2002	3,029	360	106	230	193	45
1997	2,937	399	83	207	244	400	404
Any	2002	3,542	316	122	275	280	51
1997	3,754	352	122	300	301	366	400
1 to 49 days	2002	392	28	10	17	36	9
1997	451	49	15	27	29	9	55
50 to 99 days	2002	246	31	5	23	12	3
1997	247	16	6	7	24	2	27
100 to 199 days	2002	530	49	8	42	40	12
1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	42
200 days or more	2002	2,374	208	99	193	192	29
1997	2,334	214	74	203	203	16	242
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Item	Grand Isle	Lamoille	Orange	Orleans	Rutland	Washington	Windham	Windsor
<b>F FARMS</b>								
Land in farms	farms, 2002 1997	99 132	317 372	680 654	583 649	623 643	425 452	397 384
	acres, 2002 1997	16,289 21,901	53,820 53,208	110,415 102,549	132,240 142,252	121,203 128,685	53,942 63,343	61,596 50,882
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 1997	81 107	203 265	450 481	421 508	400 479	255 294	244 270
	acres, 2002 1997	9,155 12,902	13,572 15,042	32,060 30,029	53,761 54,529	34,380 38,222	15,240 17,484	13,847 14,401
<b>T TENURE</b>								
Full owners	farms, 2002 1997	50 68	205 233	429 409	328 376	374 367	302 289	245 213
	acres, 2002 1997	(D) 6,203	25,608 25,246	52,550 49,780	52,428 54,654	60,718 50,268	32,350 30,834	29,913 20,865
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 1997	39 52	117 155	253 271	208 263	219 247	166 183	146 139
	acres, 2002 1997	1,648 2,428	2,209 3,236	7,588 7,975	13,230 13,432	8,316 9,680	(D) (D)	2,458 4,028
Part owners	farms, 2002 1997	46 56	91 113	209 198	224 215	212 226	106 137	111 132
	acres, 2002 1997	11,567 13,717	24,522 24,020	51,543 46,755	73,717 78,993	57,515 69,792	20,864 30,509	26,725 25,364
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002 1997	6,314 7,042	13,920 13,833	31,918 30,590	49,200 52,343	36,986 41,453	13,285 18,884	15,885 16,186
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002 1997	5,253 6,675	10,602 10,187	19,625 16,165	24,517 26,650	20,529 28,339	7,579 11,625	10,840 9,178
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 1997	42 51	71 94	170 178	189 205	159 195	82 107	74 107
	acres, 2002 1997	7,507 9,014	10,437 10,056	22,269 19,623	37,653 37,464	24,632 25,339	9,376 11,538	9,048 8,701
Tenants	farms, 2002 1997	3 8	21 26	42 47	31 58	37 50	17 26	41 39
	acres, 2002 1997	(D) 1,981	3,690 3,942	6,322 6,014	6,095 8,605	2,970 8,625	728 2,000	4,958 4,653
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 1997	- 4	15 16	27 32	24 40	22 37	7 4	24 24
	acres, 2002 1997	- 1,460	926 1,750	2,203 2,431	2,878 3,633	1,432 3,203	(D) (D)	2,341 1,672
<b>2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>								
Total operators	number	171	505	1,099	992	967	670	642
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator		45	146	333	252	336	229	204
2 operators		44	159	292	272	243	166	163
3 operators		5	10	39	44	34	22	20
4 operators		4	1	15	13	7	3	2
5 or more operators		1	1	1	2	3	5	8
Total women operators	number	59	172	366	334	324	228	235
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator		51	162	293	304	297	202	191
2 operators		4	5	30	15	10	13	6
3 operators		-	-	3	-	1	-	4
4 operators		-	-	1	-	1	-	5
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>								
Sex of operator:								
Male	farms, 2002 1997	82 101	279 320	572 542	523 573	531 541	336 353	318 329
	acres, 2002 1997	15,614 19,857	50,084 48,604	100,314 86,168	126,300 133,837	105,949 116,394	47,557 53,385	56,405 46,723
Female	farms, 2002 1997	17 31	38 52	108 112	60 76	92 102	89 99	79 55
	acres, 2002 1997	675 2,044	3,736 4,604	10,101 16,381	5,940 8,415	15,254 12,291	6,385 9,958	5,191 4,159
Primary occupation:								
Farming	2002 1997	52 74	150 153	304 329	395 392	312 313	210 221	190 171
Other	2002 1997	47 58	167 219	376 325	188 257	311 330	215 231	207 213
Place of residence <sup>1</sup> :								
On farm operated	2002 1997	85 108	279 313	575 545	514 529	549 536	364 382	333 316
Not on farm operated	2002 1997	14 16	38 43	105 61	69 68	74 61	61 47	64 50
Days worked off farm <sup>1</sup> :								
None	2002 1997	50 63	137 118	272 244	319 310	247 256	186 174	174 136
Any	2002 1997	49 61	180 241	408 383	264 300	376 341	239 263	223 229
1 to 49 days	2002 1997	2 8	23 30	24 49	54 52	27 30	34 31	23 25
50 to 99 days	2002 1997	2 8	8 18	27 56	13 59	32 49	15 39	16 39
100 to 199 days	2002 1997	8 1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	38 (NA)	40 (NA)
200 days or more	2002 1997	37 44	131 146	301 234	138 163	268 210	152 155	144 139

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<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>							
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :							
2 years or less .....	2002	221	21	2	24	4	24
1997	300	28	8	28	31	5	31
3 or 4 years .....	2002	421	51	11	35	41	4
1997	445	43	14	47	29	4	50
5 to 9 years .....	2002	1,077	95	31	102	64	24
1997	1,059	108	45	91	90	6	115
10 years or more .....	2002	4,852	509	184	344	364	66
1997	4,314	523	121	315	352	54	600
Average years on present farm .....	2002	19.9	20.3	20.5	18.0	20.7	19.9
	1997	19.1	19.0	18.5	17.6	19.4	21.1
Age group:							
Under 25 years .....	2002	44	11	-	3	4	-
1997	31	3	3	3	2	2	4
25 to 34 years .....	2002	271	35	6	18	14	3
1997	442	46	7	30	33	2	43
35 to 44 years .....	2002	1,265	115	37	124	104	15
1997	1,597	195	48	128	140	12	185
45 to 54 years .....	2002	2,072	236	73	147	134	32
1997	2,122	260	59	162	159	28	248
55 to 59 years .....	2002	853	97	34	70	61	16
1997	764	84	20	62	61	6	110
60 to 64 years .....	2002	672	56	23	53	52	9
1997	615	64	28	43	43	11	86
65 to 69 years .....	2002	521	48	19	35	40	9
1997	583	46	24	48	47	14	54
70 years and over .....	2002	873	78	36	55	64	14
1997	909	86	25	74	86	14	59
Average age .....	2002	53.9	53.0	55.4	53.0	54.0	55.0
	1997	52.7	51.7	53.5	53.0	53.4	56.1
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Family or individual .....	farms, 2002	5,716	542	206	464	400	90
	1997	6,061	624	174	510	475	80
acres, 2002	932,490	104,845	(D)	75,085	55,056	(D)	143,220
	1997	992,683	133,104	21,872	84,553	67,161	21,587
Partnership .....	farms, 2002	483	92	4	26	37	6
	1997	575	94	11	27	53	6
acres, 2002	178,897	60,735	2,894	7,195	12,807	1,110	24,316
	1997	183,507	42,869	5,397	8,509	16,924	1,730
Corporation:							
Family-held .....	farms, 2002	261	37	12	3	23	2
	1997	332	58	22	12	27	3
acres, 2002	101,264	27,244	2,473	1,659	4,093	(D)	19,067
	1997	110,959	31,274	3,943	(D)	4,170	2,126
Other than family held .....	farms, 2002	20	-	-	2	-	-
	1997	27	3	1	5	-	2
acres, 2002	8,416	-	-	-	(D)	-	-
	1997	11,417	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms, 2002	91	5	6	12	11	-
	1997	68	5	6	1	11	-
acres, 2002	23,842	552	(D)	379	(D)	-	3,512
	1997	16,749	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)

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<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>								
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :								
2 years or less .....	2002	1	8	22	34	22	14	15
1997	11	20	22	39	11	19	17	30
3 or 4 years .....	2002	6	23	43	45	43	19	29
1997	16	26	37	49	26	25	27	52
5 to 9 years .....	2002	25	27	130	99	79	77	80
1997	18	72	89	94	70	53	69	113
10 years or more .....	2002	67	259	485	405	479	315	273
1997	68	206	396	375	428	299	236	445
Average years on present farm .....	2002	19.5	20.1	18.7	20.5	21.6	21.1	17.3
	1997	17.7	17.3	19.2	19.2	21.9	20.5	18.2
Age group:								
Under 25 years .....	2002	-	-	4	12	-	5	3
1997	-	2	-	4	4	1	1	2
25 to 34 years .....	2002	7	28	24	29	18	14	20
1997	8	38	42	52	22	13	19	63
35 to 44 years .....	2002	23	38	140	105	97	65	104
1997	36	82	120	135	128	95	110	152
45 to 54 years .....	2002	34	122	203	187	199	115	118
1997	37	112	207	205	188	133	104	175
55 to 59 years .....	2002	10	44	80	84	66	55	39
1997	19	39	70	62	85	58	35	77
60 to 64 years .....	2002	9	28	71	44	93	57	43
1997	9	40	60	61	60	47	33	53
65 to 69 years .....	2002	5	25	71	51	58	23	29
1997	6	35	55	40	60	40	36	85
70 years and over .....	2002	11	32	87	71	92	96	47
1997	17	24	100	90	96	65	46	127
Average age .....	2002	51.5	53.1	54.5	53.2	55.6	57.1	52.6
	1997	51.4	50.7	53.7	52.2	54.5	54.5	52.2
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>								
Family or individual .....	farms, 2002	83	271	598	533	547	370	335
	1997	105	322	569	584	558	388	329
acres, 2002	(D)	43,211	91,561	109,010	89,790	43,714	42,634	72,060
	1997	17,272	41,013	81,640	116,888	94,726	51,634	38,748
Partnership .....	farms, 2002	10	33	55	36	39	32	23
	1997	18	33	59	45	37	36	34
acres, 2002	1,858	5,764	11,545	15,988	13,505	7,158	7,997	6,025
	1997	3,102	7,548	15,183	17,148	10,832	8,277	7,400
Corporation:								
Family-held .....	farms, 2002	2	11	21	7	28	19	29
	1997	8	12	19	16	37	28	14
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	5,951	5,666	11,649	771	8,759	7,661
	1997	(D)	2,522	4,487	8,026	16,705	3,432	2,538
Other than family held .....	farms, 2002	1	1	3	1	1	1	3
	1997	-	2	1	2	5	-	2
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	5,171	(D)	1,468
	1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	2,961
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms, 2002	3	1	3	6	8	3	7
	1997	1	3	6	2	6	(D)	5
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,251	(D)	1,245
	1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)

<sup>1</sup> Data for 1997 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.