



# Penobscot County Maine

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

|   | 2017        | % change since 2012 |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms                                     | 601         | -11                 |
| Land in farms (acres)                               | 105,452     | -7                  |
| Average size of farm (acres)                        | 175         | +5                  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold                       | 50,915,000  | +2                  |
| Government payments                                 | 603,000     | -42                 |
| Farm-related income                                 | 1,988,000   | -30                 |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 47,349,000  | +3                  |
| Net cash farm income                                | 6,157,000   | -24                 |
| <b>Per farm average</b>                             | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold                       | 84,717      | +14                 |
| Government payments<br>(average per farm receiving) | 10,970      | -5                  |
| Farm-related income                                 | 9,512       | -24                 |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 78,784      | +16                 |
| Net cash farm income                                | 10,245      | -14                 |

**8** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops                            | 36 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 64 |

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Cropland    | 39 |
| Pastureland | 5  |
| Woodland    | 49 |
| Other       | 7  |

**Acres irrigated: 1,634**

2% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| No till        | 8  |
| Reduced till   | 5  |
| Intensive till | 12 |
| Cover crop     | 12 |

## Farms by Value of Sales

|                      | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500    | 235    | 39                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999   | 65     | 11                            |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999   | 83     | 14                            |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 112    | 19                            |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 36     | 6                             |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 26     | 4                             |
| \$100,000 or more    | 44     | 7                             |

## Farms by Size

|                  | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres     | 77     | 13                            |
| 10 to 49 acres   | 171    | 28                            |
| 50 to 179 acres  | 225    | 37                            |
| 180 to 499 acres | 76     | 13                            |
| 500 to 999 acres | 33     | 5                             |
| 1,000 + acres    | 19     | 3                             |

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

|  | Sales (\$1,000) | Rank in State <sup>b</sup> | Counties Producing Item | Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup> | Counties Producing Item |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>50,915</b>   | <b>4</b>                   | <b>16</b>               | <b>1,737</b>              | <b>3,077</b>            |
| <b>Crops</b>   | <b>18,123</b>   | <b>6</b>                   | <b>16</b>               | <b>1,716</b>              | <b>3,073</b>            |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas                  | 2,779           | 2                          | 16                      | 1,833                     | 2,916                   |
| Tobacco  | -               | -                          | -                       | -                         | 323                     |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                  | -               | -                          | -                       | -                         | 647                     |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes           | 9,415           | 2                          | 16                      | 227                       | 2,821                   |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries                             | 2,191           | 7                          | 16                      | 314                       | 2,748                   |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod                 | 870             | 12                         | 16                      | 893                       | 2,601                   |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | 437             | 3                          | 16                      | 96                        | 1,384                   |
| Other crops and hay                                    | 2,431           | 5                          | 16                      | 1,047                     | 3,040                   |
| <b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>                | <b>32,792</b>   | <b>3</b>                   | <b>16</b>               | <b>1,255</b>              | <b>3,073</b>            |
| Poultry and eggs                                       | 124             | 10                         | 16                      | 994                       | 3,007                   |
| Cattle and calves                                      | 2,892           | 3                          | 16                      | 1,991                     | 3,055                   |
| Milk from cows   | 28,613          | 2                          | 15                      | 259                       | 1,892                   |
| Hogs and pigs  | (D)             | 2                          | 16                      | (D)                       | 2,856                   |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk                       | 100             | 11                         | 16                      | 1,296                     | 2,984                   |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys                 | 105             | 6                          | 15                      | 1,405                     | 2,970                   |
| Aquaculture  | (D)             | 7                          | 13                      | (D)                       | 1,251                   |
| Other animals and animal products                      | 153             | 9                          | 16                      | 607                       | 2,878                   |

|                                     |              |                               |   |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b> | <b>1,090</b> | <b>Percent of farms that:</b> | <b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>    |
| <b>Sex</b>                          |              | Have internet access          | Forage (hay/haylage), all 21,999          |
| Male                                | 608          | <b>79</b>                     | Corn for silage or greenchop 7,480        |
| Female                              | 482          |                               | Vegetables harvested, all 2,814           |
| <b>Age</b>                          |              | Farm organically              | Potatoes 2,259                            |
| <35                                 | 136          | <b>4</b>                      | Corn for grain (D)                        |
| 35 – 64                             | 591          |                               |   |
| 65 and older                        | 363          |                               |   |
| <b>Race</b>                         |              | Sell directly to consumers    | <b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b> |
| American Indian/Alaska Native       | 3            | <b>23</b>                     | Broilers and other meat-type chickens 576 |
| Asian                               | 3            |                               | Cattle and calves 13,883                  |
| Black or African American           | -            | Hire farm labor               | Goats 447                                 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander    | 1            | <b>28</b>                     | Hogs and pigs 675                         |
| White                               | 1,074        |                               | Horses and ponies 1,002                   |
| More than one race                  | 9            |                               | Layers 3,814                              |
| <b>Other characteristics</b>        |              | Are family farms              | Pullets 776                               |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin    | 12           | <b>97</b>                     | Sheep and lambs 351                       |
| With military service               | 177          |                               | Turkeys 107                               |
| New and beginning farmers           | 367          |                               |   |

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.