



Essex County Vermont

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	106	+14
Land in farms (acres)	42,801	+68
Average size of farm (acres)	404	+47
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	12,708,000	+9
Government payments	41,000	-67
Farm-related income	525,000	-20
Total farm production expenses	10,112,000	+25
Net cash farm income	3,162,000	-28
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	119,888	-4
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	2,546	-40
Farm-related income	11,412	-29
Total farm production expenses	95,396	+10
Net cash farm income	29,828	-37

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	40
Livestock, poultry, and products	60

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	19
Pastureland	4
Woodland	75
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 9

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	13
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	28	26
\$2,500 to \$4,999	12	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	11	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	15	14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	10	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	9
\$100,000 or more	20	19

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	22	21
10 to 49 acres	11	10
50 to 179 acres	25	24
180 to 499 acres	26	25
500 to 999 acres	18	17
1,000 + acres	4	4

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	12,708	14	14	2,576	3,077
Crops	5,047	13	14	2,370	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	68	13	14	2,468	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	188	13	14	1,300	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	215	12	14	986	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	105	14	14	1,414	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	276	3	13	140	1,384
Other crops and hay	4,195	10	14	602	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	7,661	13	14	2,257	3,073
Poultry and eggs	24	14	14	1,504	3,007
Cattle and calves	397	14	14	2,573	3,055
Milk from cows	7,125	13	14	519	1,892
Hogs and pigs	13	12	14	1,487	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	40	13	14	1,872	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	61	11	14	1,703	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	6	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	-	-	13	-	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	164
Male	104
Female	60
Age	
<35	8
35 – 64	121
65 and older	35
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	164
More than one race	-
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2
With military service	14
New and beginning farmers	50

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	83
Farm organically	9
Sell directly to consumers	22
Hire farm labor	37
Are family farms	98

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	4,167
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,141
Cultivated Christmas trees	544
Corn for grain	345
Vegetables harvested, all	73

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,834
Cattle and calves	3,653
Goats	90
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Horses and ponies	49
Layers	(D)
Pullets	600
Sheep and lambs	356
Turkeys	18

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

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

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e 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.