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2014 New England Farms and Land in Farms

Farm numbers and land in farms are differentiated by six economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these six sales classes by summing the sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000. Producers were asked during the 2014 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2013 calendar year.

Connecticut

The number of farms in Connecticut for 2014 is estimated at 6,000, unchanged from 2013, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Total land in farms, at 440 thousand acres, is unchanged from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 73 acres, also unchanged from the previous year. Number of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 4,000 farms. Farmland by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 150 thousand acres. Average sizes of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 38 acres.

Maine

The number of farms in Maine for 2014 is estimated at 8,200, unchanged from 2013, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Total land in farms, at 1.45 million acres, is unchanged from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 177 acres, also unchanged from the previous year. The number of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 5,000 farms. Farmland by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 480 thousand acres. Average sizes of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 96 acres.

Massachusetts

The number of farms in Massachusetts for 2014 is estimated at 7,800, unchanged from 2013, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Total land in farms, at 520 thousand acres, unchanged from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 67 acres, also unchanged from the previous year. The number of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 5,000 farms. Farmland by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 210 thousand acres. Average sizes of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 42 acres.

New Hampshire

The number of farms in New Hampshire for 2014 is estimated at 4,400, unchanged from 2013, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Total land in farms, at 470 thousand acres, unchanged from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 107 acres, also unchanged from the previous year. The number of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 3,100 farms. Farmland by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 240 thousand acres. Average sizes of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 77 acres.

Rhode Island

The number of farms in Rhode Island for 2014 is estimated at 1,240, down 10 farms from 2013, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Total land in farms, at 70 thousand acres, is unchanged from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 56 acres, also unchanged from the previous year. Changes in the number of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 710 farms, declined by 10 farms. Farmland changes by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 20 thousand acres, decreased by 10 thousand acres. Average sizes of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 28 acres.

Vermont

The number of farms in Vermont for 2014 is estimated at 7,300, unchanged from 2013, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Total land in farms, at 1.25 million acres, is unchanged from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 171 acres, also unchanged from the previous year. Changes in the number of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 4,050 farms, declined by 50 farms. Farmland by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 340 thousand acres. Average sizes of farms by sales class are: Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 84 acres.

The complete Farms and Land in Farms report is available online at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/FarmLandIn/FarmLandIn-02-19-2015.pdf>.

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