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## 2015 New England Farms and Land in Farms

The number of New England Farms increased slightly while land in farms remained unchanged from 2014 according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office

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 2015 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2014 calendar year.

Following are the number of farms and land in farms in New England States,

### Connecticut

The number of farms in Connecticut for 2015 is estimated at 6,000 farms, unchanged from 2014. Total land in farms, at 440 thousand acres, is unchanged from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 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, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 1,550 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 90 farms, unchanged.

Farmland by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 150 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 110 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 100 thousand acres, unchanged.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 38 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 71 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 1,111 acres, unchanged.

## Maine

The number of farms in Maine for 2015 is estimated at 8,200 farms, unchanged from 2014. Total land in farms, at 1.45 million acres, is unchanged from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 177 acres, also unchanged from the previous year.

Number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 5,000 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 2,400 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 340 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 220 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 110 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 130 farms, unchanged.

Farmland by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 480 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 400 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 100 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 110 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 90 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 270 thousand acres, unchanged.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 96 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 167 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: 294 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: 500 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: 818 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 2,077 acres, unchanged.

## Massachusetts

The number of farms in Massachusetts for 2015 is estimated at 7,800 farms, unchanged from 2014. Total land in farms, at 520 thousand acres, is unchanged from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 67 acres, also unchanged from the previous year.

Number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 5,000 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 2,000 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 380 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 80 farms, unchanged.

Farmland by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 210 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 140 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 50 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 50 thousand acres, unchanged.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 42 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 70 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: 132 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 625 acres, unchanged.

## **New Hampshire**

The number of farms in New Hampshire for 2015 is estimated at 4,400 farms, unchanged from 2014. Total land in farms, at 470 thousand acres, is unchanged from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 107 acres, also unchanged from the previous year.

Number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 3,100 farm, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 1,050 farm, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Farmland by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 240 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 150 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 77 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 143 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## **Rhode Island**

The number of farms in Rhode Island for 2015 is estimated at 1,250 farms, up 10 farms from 2014. Total land in farms, at 70 thousand acres, is unchanged from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 56 acres, also unchanged from the previous year.

Number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 720 farms, up 10.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Farmland by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 20 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 28 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## Vermont

The number of farms in Vermont for 2015 is estimated at 7,300 farms, unchanged from 2014. Total land in farms, at 1.25 million acres, is unchanged from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 171 acres, also unchanged from the previous year.

Number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 4,050 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 2,100 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 490 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 350 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 160 farms, up 10.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 160 farms, down 10.

Farmland by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 340 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 320 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 140 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 150 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 90 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 210 thousand acres, unchanged.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 84 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 152 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: 286 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: 429 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: 563 acres, down 37.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 1,400 acres, up 87.

The complete Farms and Land in Farms report is available online at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/FarmLandIn/FarmLandIn-02-18-2016.pdf>

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