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## Camelid and Cervidae Farms

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*This information is being published at the request of grower associations representing farms raising Camelid (llamas and alpacas) and Cervidae animals (deer, elk, etc.). A special note of "THANKS" goes out to all who took the time to complete the 1997 Census of Agriculture and also to those who have helped with any of our annual or monthly surveys. Without your help, information such as this would not be available.*

*The New England field office of NASS is pleased to provide this special service to a unique segment of New England agriculture. The data presented here for llamas, deer, etc. is a sum of data reported in the "Other Livestock" section of the 1997 Census of Agriculture. Farmers were asked for a total of all livestock on hand December 31, 1997 and livestock sales during 1997. We have not made any attempt to estimate for those who did not report Camelid or Cervidae inventory or sales in the Ag Census. In some cases, individual states cannot be published in order to protect confidentiality.*

### Camelid

There were 148 Camelid (llamas and alpacas) farms in New England on December 31, 1997, with total inventory of 1,888 head. During 1997, the gross value of camelid sales in New England totaled \$975,000.

**Llamas:** *[In this summary, New England totals for llamas do not include Rhode Island, with the exception of the number of farms. Rhode Island information was not published in order to prevent the disclosure of information about individual farms.]*

There were a total of 1,550 llamas on 135 farms in New England on December 31, 1997. Vermont accounted for 36 percent of this total with 557 head on 37 farms. Massachusetts had the next highest count with 278 head, making up almost 18 percent of the five-state total inventory. Connecticut was the leader in the number of llama sales for 1997, with 72 head sold at an average price of \$935 per head. Vermont was next with its farms selling a total of 71 llamas, averaging \$1,255 per head. The total sales of llamas in New England was reported at 317 head, with an average price per head of \$1,254 and a total value of sales equaling \$397,500.



**Alpacas:** The size of the alpaca herd in New England totaled 338 head as of December 31, 1997. New England farms sold 47 alpacas totaling \$577,500, at an average price of \$12,287 per head.

### Cervidae

There were 47 Cervidae (deer, elk, and reindeer) farms in New England on December 31, 1997, with total inventory of 3,873 head. During 1997, the gross value of cervidae sales in New England totaled \$431,000.

**Red Deer:** On December 31, 1997, Maine led New England in the number of red deer farms and in red deer population. The state contained 11 red deer farms, making up just over half of all red deer operations reported in New England; there were 1,575 red deer which was 82 percent of the region's inventory. Maine sold 213 head at an average price of \$1,230 each for a gross value of \$261,900. Twenty operations in New England reported a total 1,921 head of red deer. The New England total of red deer sold was 258 head for a total of \$315,000.

**Fallow Deer:** On December 31, 1997, fallow deer in Vermont totaled 1,269 head on 13 farms. These farms sold 255 head in 1997, at an average price of \$133 each, for a total market value of \$33,900 for the state. Total sales for New England was 667 head at an average price of \$174 each, for a total regional value of sales equaling \$116,000.



**Other Cervidae (Elk, Reindeer):** On December 31, 1997, there were six farms across New England with elk and/or reindeer totaling 42 head. In order to prevent the disclosure of individual farms, no other information can be published.

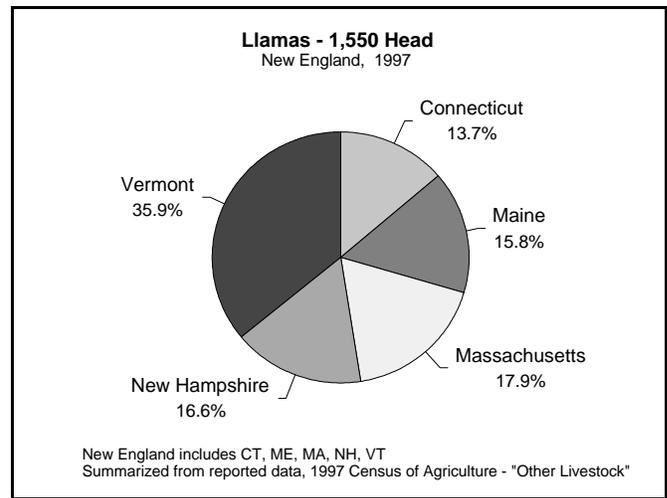
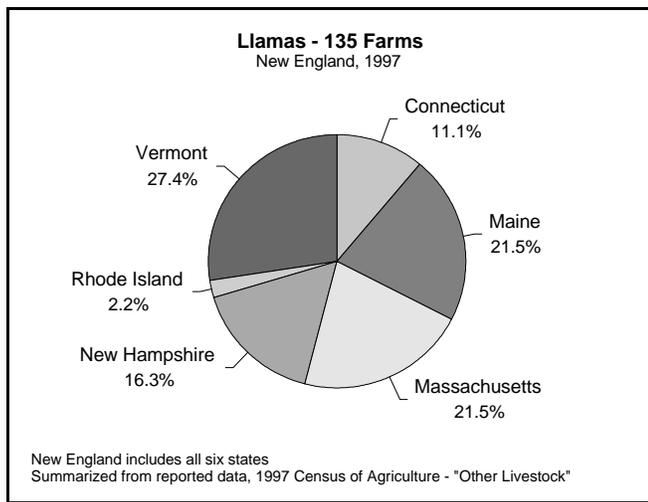
**New England Llama Farms<sup>1/</sup>**

STATE	Farms	Inventory Dec. 31, 1997	Number Sold in 1997	Gross Value of Sales	Average Price Per Head
		Number		Dollars	
Connecticut	15	213	72	67,300	935
Maine	29	245	63	84,400	1,340
Massachusetts	29	278	67	101,500	1,515
New Hampshire	22	257	44	55,200	1,255
Rhode Island	3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	37	557	71	89,100	1,255
<b>NEW ENGLAND<sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>397,500</b>	<b>1,254</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Source: 1997 Census of Agriculture - "Other Livestock"

<sup>2/</sup> With the exception of Number of Farms, Rhode Island is excluded from the New England total to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

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**New England Alpaca Farms<sup>1/</sup>**

STATE	Farms	Inventory Dec. 31, 1997	Number Sold in 1997	Gross Value of Sales	Average Price Per Head
		Number		Dollars	
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>577,500</b>	<b>12,287</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Source: 1997 Census of Agriculture - "Other Livestock"

**New England All Camelid Farms<sup>1/</sup>**

STATE	Farms <sup>3/</sup>	Inventory Dec. 31, 1997	Number Sold in 1997	Gross Value of Sales	Average Price Per Head
		Number		Dollars	
<b>NEW ENGLAND<sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>975,000</b>	<b>—</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Source: 1997 Census of Agriculture - "Other Livestock"

<sup>2/</sup> With the exception of Number of Farms, Rhode Island llamas are excluded from the New England total to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

<sup>3/</sup> Total Number of Camelid Farms in New England counts a farm having both llamas and alpacas once.

**New England Red Deer Farms<sup>1/</sup>**

STATE	Farms	Inventory Dec. 31, 1997	Number Sold in 1997	Gross Value of Sales	Average Price Per Head
		Number		Dollars	
Maine	11	1,575	213	261,900	1,230
CT, MA, NH, RI, VT	9	346	45	53,100	1,180
NEW ENGLAND	20	1,921	258	315,000	1,221

<sup>1/</sup> Source: 1997 Census of Agriculture - "Other Livestock"

**New England Fallow Deer Farms<sup>1/</sup>**

STATE	Farms	Inventory Dec. 31, 1997	Number Sold in 1997	Gross Value of Sales	Average Price Per Head
		Number		Dollars	
Vermont	13	1,269	255	33,900	133
CT, ME, MA, NH, RI	13	641	412	82,100	199
NEW ENGLAND	26	1,910	667	116,000	174

<sup>1/</sup> Source: 1997 Census of Agriculture - "Other Livestock"

**New England Other Cervidae Farms<sup>1/</sup> (Elk & Reindeer)**

STATE	Farms	Inventory Dec. 31, 1997	Number Sold in 1997	Gross Value of Sales	Average Price Per Head
		Number		Dollars	
NEW ENGLAND	6	42	(D)	(D)	(D)

<sup>1/</sup> Source: 1997 Census of Agriculture - "Other Livestock"  
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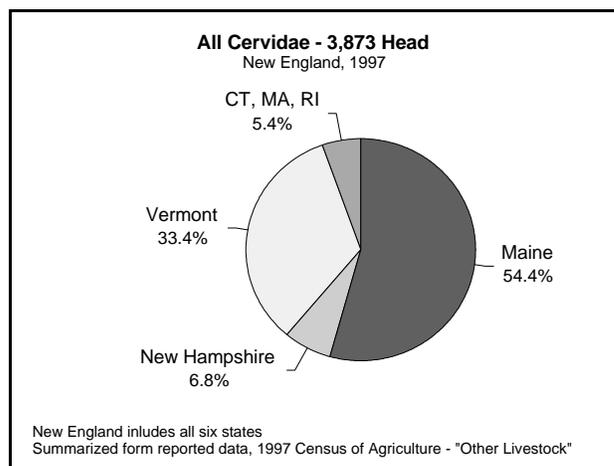
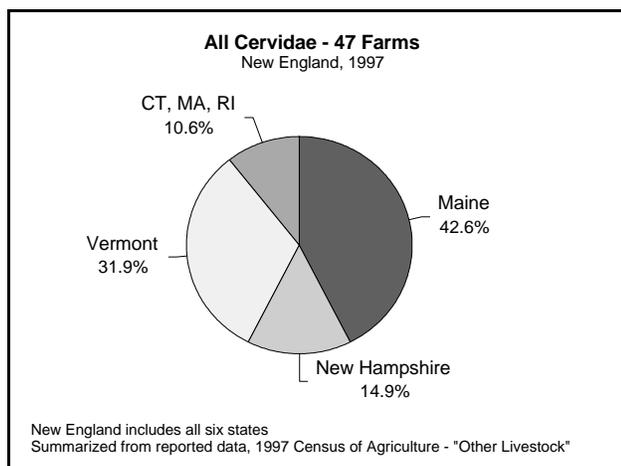
**New England All Cervidae Farms<sup>1/</sup>**

STATE	Farms <sup>3/</sup>	Inventory Dec. 31, 1997	Number Sold in 1997	Gross Value of Sales	Average Price Per Head
		Number		Dollars	
Maine	20	2,105	367	292,600	—
NEW ENGLAND <sup>2/</sup>	47	3,873	925	431,000	—

<sup>1/</sup> Source: 1997 Census of Agriculture - "Other Livestock"

<sup>2/</sup> With the exception of Number of Farms and Herd Size, Other Cervidae (Elk & Reindeer) are excluded from the New England total to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

<sup>3/</sup> Total Number of Cervidae Farms in New England counts a farm having more than one type of cervidae once.



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