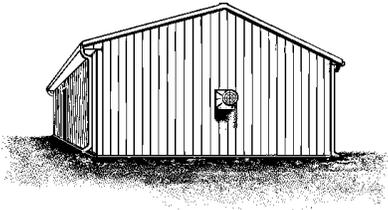


FARM NUMBERS

The number of farms in New England during 1998 totaled 27,550, an increase of 100 farms over the previous year. The 1998 farm count showed 100 more farms in New Hampshire and Vermont, and 100 fewer farms in Maine. The largest number of farms recorded in New England was in 1910, when 190,900 farms existed. Ten years ago, the six-state region included 29,070 farms in 1998.

The region's land in farms in 1998 totaled 4.1 million acres, up fractionally from 1997. The average size of a farm in the region has gradually decreased in size over the last decade, from a high of 163 acres per farm in 1990, to 147 acres per farm in 1998. The largest farms can be found in the dairy state of Vermont,



averaging 200 acres in 1998, followed by Maine, averaging 186 acres per farm. The January 1, 1999 average farm real estate value, including land and buildings, averaged \$2,559 per acre in New England, a 2 percent increase over the previous year. The average value per acre ranged from \$1,200 per acre in Maine, to \$6,500 per acre in Rhode Island.

Definitions: A **farm** is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Commodities are defined as agriculture based on the 1997 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as jointly developed by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, Statistics Canada and the Mexican Institute of National Statistics. **Land in farms** includes crop and livestock acreage, wasteland, woodland, pasture, land in summer fallow, idle cropland, and land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program and other set aside or commodity acreage programs. It excludes public, industrial, and grazing association land and nonagricultural land.

FARMS: ^{1/} Number, Size and Land in Farms, and Value per acre 1989 - 1998

STATE & YEAR	Farms ^{2/}	Average Size of Farm ^{2/}	Land in Farms ^{2/}	Farm Real Estate Value Per Acre January 1 Following Year ^{3/}	Cropland Value Per Acre January 1 Following Year ^{4/}	Pasture Value Per Acre January 1 Following Year ^{5/}
	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	Dollars		
Connecticut						
1989	4,000	110	440	5,033	--	--
1990	3,900	108	420	5,158	--	--
1991	3,900	108	420	5,241	--	--
1992	4,000	103	410	5,959	--	--
1993	4,100	98	400	5,950	--	--
1994	4,100	95	390	5,950	--	--
1995	4,100	93	380	5,950	--	--
1996	4,100	93	380	5,950	--	--
1997	4,100	93	380	5,950	--	--
1998	4,100	93	380	6,100	--	--
Maine						
1989	7,300	199	1,450	1,073	--	--
1990	7,200	201	1,450	1,057	--	--
1991	7,100	200	1,420	1,033	--	--
1992	7,300	195	1,420	1,130	--	--
1993	7,300	192	1,400	1,130	--	--
1994	7,400	184	1,360	1,130	--	--
1995	7,400	180	1,330	1,150	--	--
1996	7,200	182	1,310	1,170	--	--
1997	7,000	183	1,280	1,190	--	--
1998	6,900	186	1,280	1,200	--	--
Massachusetts						
1989	6,500	100	650	4,227	--	--
1990	6,400	100	640	4,301	--	--
1991	6,400	98	630	4,340	--	--
1992	6,400	98	630	4,898	--	--
1993	6,200	98	610	5,020	--	--
1994	6,100	97	590	5,060	--	--
1995	6,000	95	570	5,100	--	--
1996	6,000	95	570	5,150	--	--
1997	6,000	95	570	5,210	--	--
1998	6,000	95	570	5,400	--	--

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	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	Dollars		
New Hampshire						
1989	3,000	153	460	2,269	--	--
1990	2,700	163	440	2,194	--	--
1991	2,700	163	440	2,103	--	--
1992	2,700	163	440	2,256	--	--
1993	2,700	159	430	2,250	--	--
1994	2,700	156	420	2,250	--	--
1995	2,800	150	420	2,250	--	--
1996	2,900	145	420	2,250	--	--
1997	3,000	140	420	2,250	--	--
1998	3,100	135	420	2,250	--	--
Rhode Island						
1989	770	95	73	5,564	--	--
1990	740	95	70	5,619	--	--
1991	700	94	66	5,627	--	--
1992	700	90	63	6,304	--	--
1993	750	87	65	6,400	--	--
1994	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1995	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1996	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1997	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1998	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
Vermont						
1989	6,600	220	1,450	1,262	--	--
1990	6,500	222	1,440	1,248	--	--
1991	6,400	223	1,430	1,223	--	--
1992	6,400	223	1,430	1,342	--	--
1993	6,400	223	1,430	1,400	--	--
1994	6,400	219	1,400	1,450	--	--
1995	6,400	214	1,370	1,490	--	--
1996	6,500	206	1,340	1,500	--	--
1997	6,600	202	1,330	1,520	--	--
1998	6,700	200	1,340	1,550	--	--
New England						
1989	28,170	161	4,523	2,166	--	--
1990	27,440	163	4,460	2,154	--	--
1991	27,200	162	4,406	2,144	--	--
1992	27,500	160	4,393	2,377	--	--
1993	27,450	158	4,335	2,401	--	--
1994	27,450	154	4,225	2,424	--	--
1995	27,450	151	4,135	2,444	--	--
1996	27,450	149	4,085	2,474	4,260	3,910
1997	27,450	147	4,045	2,508	4,290	3,900
1998	27,550	147	4,055	2,559	4,350	3,910

^{1/} Any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Commodities are defined as agriculture based on the 1997 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

^{2/} Beginning in 1997, Farm Numbers, Average Size of Farm and Land in Farms reflect the entire year. For all previous years, these statistics refer to information as of June 1.

^{3/} Average farm real estate value includes value of land and buildings. Values for 1991 and earlier years were originally published by the Economic Research Service, USDA.

^{4/} Average cropland value is only available for the six New England states, combined.

^{5/} Average pasture value is only available for the six New England states and Delaware, combined.