



## Vermont State Agriculture Overview - 2004

### Farms

Number of Farms	6,400
Land in Farms (acres)	1,250,000
Average Farm Size (acres)	195

### Livestock Inventory

Cattle and Calves - All (Jan. 1, 2005)	275,000
Hogs & Pigs - All ( Dec. 1, 2004)	2,000

### Milk

Milk Cows (Average head)	145,000
Milk Production per Cow (lbs)	17,821
Production (lbs)	2,584,000,000

### Crops - Planted, Harvested, Yield, Production, Price(MYA), Value of Production

Commodity	Planted All Purpose Acres	Harvested Acres	Yield	Production	Price per Unit	Value of Production Dollars
Hay All (Dry)		230,000	1.7 tons	384,000 tons	118.00 dols / ton	45,184,000
Hay Other (Dry)		190,000	1.6 tons	304,000 tons	111.00 dols / ton	33,744,000
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)		40,000	2.0 tons	80,000 tons	143.00 dols / ton	11,440,000
Corn For Grain	95,000					
Corn For Silage		90,000	19.5 tons	1,755,000 tons		
Maple Syrup			0.2 gals	500,000 gals		
Alfalfa & Alfalfa Mixtures - New Seedings	10,000					
Field & Misc Crops	325,000					

**2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile**  
**United States Department of Agriculture, Vermont Agricultural Statistics Service**

**Vermont - Ranked items within U.S. 2002**

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>			
Total value of agricultural products sold	473,065	43	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	71,583	47	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	401,482	41	50
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,768	45	50
Tobacco			23
Cotton and cottonseed			17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	10,140	44	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	9,270	36	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	22,803	44	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	2,372	19	50
Other crops and hay	24,231	38	50
Poultry and eggs	5,875	45	50
Cattle and calves	45,106	41	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	342,440	15	50
Hogs and pigs	374	47	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,581	35	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,853	43	50
Aquaculture	1,325	43	50
Other animals and other animal products	1,927	42	50
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	283,619	40	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	211,968	44	50
Quail			50
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	20,753	38	50
Sheep and lambs	14,743	36	50
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>			
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	350,261	36	50
Corn for silage	91,312	20	49
Corn for grain	5,130	42	49
Cut Christmas trees	4,658	18	49
Apples	3,418	17	50

**Other Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:		Farms by value of sales	
Farming	3,486	Less than \$1,000	1,705
Other	3,085	\$1,000 to \$2,499	968
		\$2,500 to \$4,999	699
Principal operators by sex:		\$5,000 to \$9,999	610
Male	5,604	\$10,000 to \$19,999	517
Female	967	\$20,000 to \$24,999	116
		\$25,000 to \$39,999	262
Average age of principal operator (years)	54	\$40,000 to \$49,999	134
		\$50,000 to \$99,999	393
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:		\$100,000 to \$249,999	716
White	10,376	\$250,000 to \$499,999	269
Black or African American	3	\$500,000 or more	182
American Indian or Alaska Native	50	Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	427,717
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7	Average per farm (\$)	65,042
Asian	17	Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	101,678
More than one race	26	Average per farm (\$)	15,462
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	187		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.