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2022 Census of Agriculture data now available *Farms down 5% in New England*

HARRISBURG, PA --- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Northeastern Regional Field Office announced the results of the 2022 Census of Agriculture with new information about 30,717 New England farms and ranches and those who operate them, down to the county level. The number of farms was down for New England by 5% from 2017 with most of the decrease being attributed to the farms of 1 to 9 acres being lost, according to Pam Hird, New England State Statistician.

“We are pleased to provide updated Census of Agriculture data to all those who serve U.S. agriculture, especially the producers who gave their time to complete the questionnaire. Census of Agriculture data tell a story. This comprehensive snapshot every five years helps data users to see trends and shifts in the industry over time and helps producers do business,” said NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. “Overall, though there are always changes across U.S. agriculture, the data remain largely consistent with the previous ag census. Data users will also notice some new data on the topics of hemp, precision agriculture, and internet access.”

Census data provide valuable insights into demographics, economics, land and activities on U.S. farms and ranches. Some key New England highlights include:

- The number of female producers decreased 1% from 2017.
- The total value of production of all products was \$3.56 billion, an increase of 29% from \$2.75 billion in 2017.
- Organic farm numbers decreased by 9% from 2017.
- Value of sales was \$240 million for organic farming, up from \$232 million in 2017.

Other demographic highlights include:

- New and beginning producers with 10 years or less of farming comprised of 19,108 producers.
- Producers with military service were represented by 4,632 producers.

The response rate for the 2022 Census of Agriculture was 61%; more than 40% of responses were submitted online. To address questions about the 2022 Census of Agriculture data, NASS will host a live X Stat Chat [@usda_nass](#) for the public on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. EST. Ag census data highlight publications are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications/Highlights.

First conducted in 1840 in conjunction with the decennial Census and conducted since 1997 by USDA NASS – the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture – the Census of Agriculture remains the most comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation.

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