



Growing Trends of New Hampshire Agriculture: A Snapshot

- In 2012, 8.3 percent of New Hampshire's total land area was in farms. There are a total of 5,729,877 acres in New Hampshire of which 474,065 acres was considered farmland. Farmland includes forests, swamps, cropland, pastures, as well as other land.
- New Hampshire had 4,391 farms in 2012, up from 4,166 in 2007.
- In 2012, New Hampshire was number one nationally in percentage of all farms that have direct sales to consumers.
- Agriculture is responsible for 13,410 jobs in New Hampshire. This includes 6,660 hired full- and part-time jobs, 4,391 principal operators, with the remainder being partners.
- Agricultural sales have increased to \$199.9 million in 2012, up slightly from \$199 million in 2007.
- The total lands in New Hampshire supporting agriculture increased 2,154 acres from 2007 to 2012.

Sources: 2012 Census of Agriculture; Gary Keogh, State Statistician, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, New England Field Office