

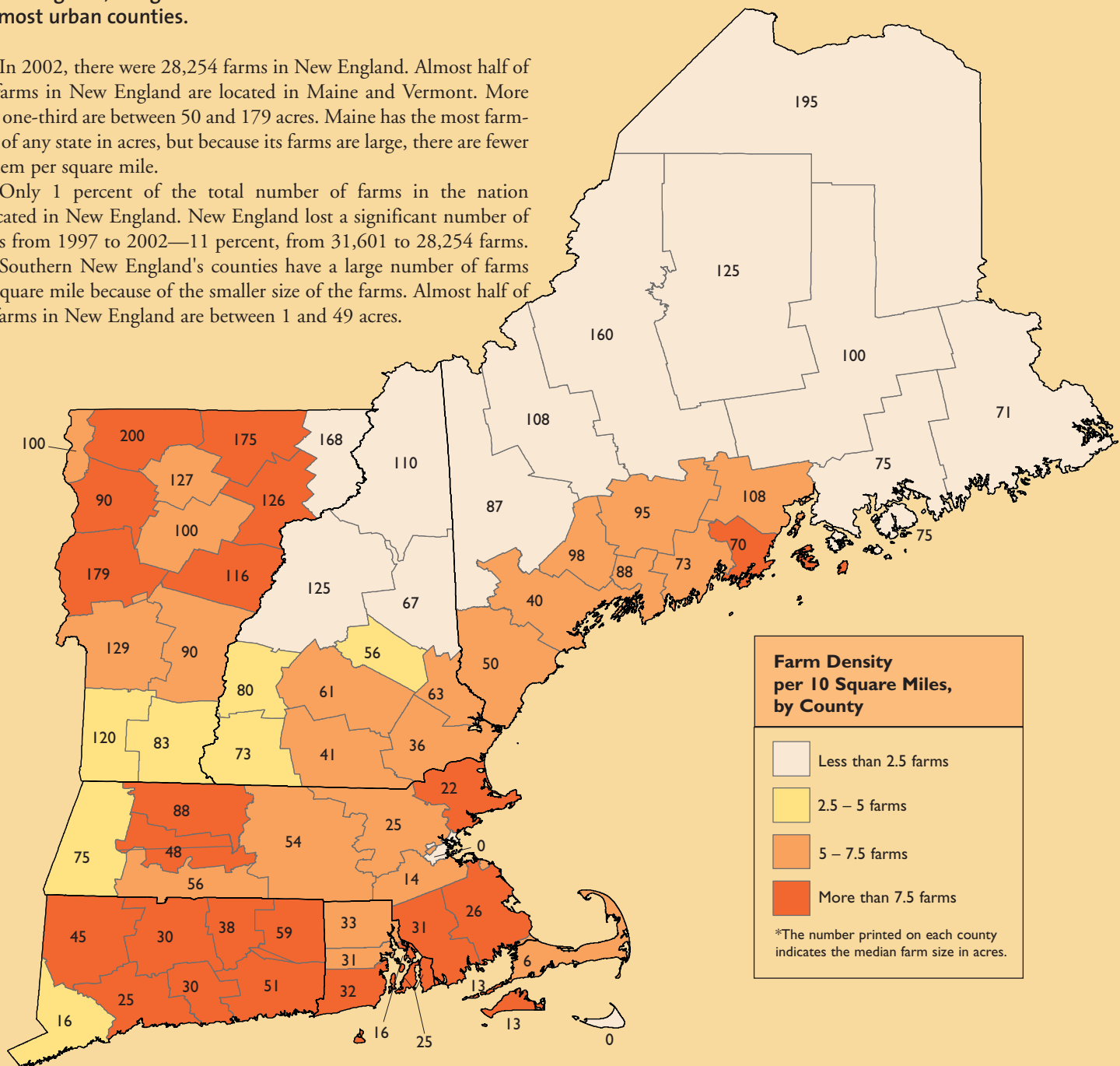
# Mapping New England Farm Concentration

In New England, the greatest concentration of farms is often in the most urban counties.

In 2002, there were 28,254 farms in New England. Almost half of the farms in New England are located in Maine and Vermont. More than one-third are between 50 and 179 acres. Maine has the most farmland of any state in acres, but because its farms are large, there are fewer of them per square mile.

Only 1 percent of the total number of farms in the nation is located in New England. New England lost a significant number of farms from 1997 to 2002—11 percent, from 31,601 to 28,254 farms.

Southern New England's counties have a large number of farms per square mile because of the smaller size of the farms. Almost half of the farms in New England are between 1 and 49 acres.



**Note:** For the purpose of the Census of Agriculture, a farm is any place from which an amount of \$1,000 or more of agricultural products was produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The \$1,000 value is not adjusted for inflation.

**Map:** Ricardo Borges, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

**Source:** 2002 Census of Agriculture.