

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Middlesex, Connecticut

Number of farms

326 farms in 2002, 405 farms in 1997, down 20 percent.

Land in farms

17,806 acres in 2002, 22,839 acres in 1997, down 22 percent.

Average size of farm

55 acres in 2002, 56 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$44,202,000 in 2002, \$34,672,000 in 1997, up 27 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$42,391,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,810,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

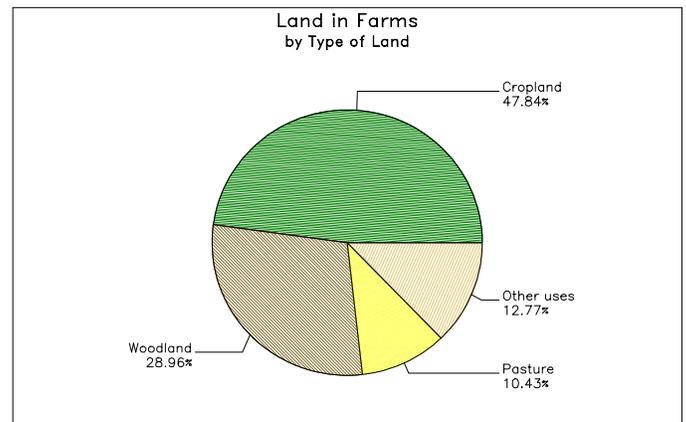
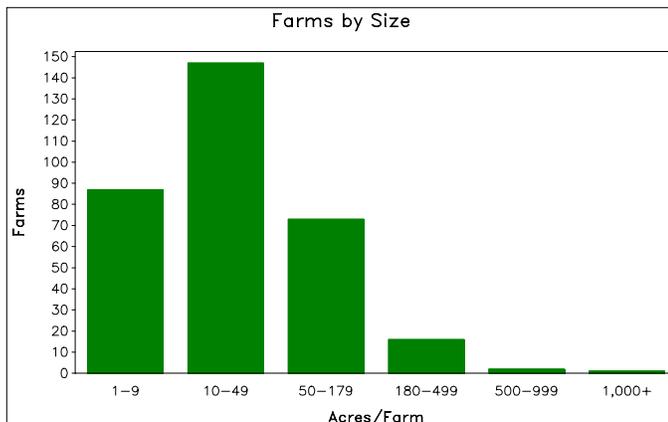
\$135,588 in 2002, \$85,611 in 1997, up 58 percent.

Government Payments

(D) in 2002, \$44,000 in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

(D) in 2002, \$1,901 in 1997.



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Ranked items among the 8 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	44,202	4	8	1,310	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	42,391	4	8	588	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,810	8	8	2,743	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	8	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	3	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	716	7	8	875	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,215	3	8	232	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	38,773	4	8	77	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	396	5	8	144	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	8	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	33	7	8	1,570	2,918
Cattle and calves	155	8	8	2,938	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,314	7	8	1,232	2,493
Hogs and pigs	11	7	8	2,291	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	22	7	8	1,847	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	210	5	8	1,069	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	6	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	65	4	8	1,048	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,032	8	8	1,000	2,983
Cattle and calves	1,670	7	8	2,843	3,059
Horses and ponies	895	6	8	1,439	3,065
Pigeons	(D)	1	7	(D)	1,368
Sheep and lambs	220	8	8	1,926	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,131	7	8	2,424	3,059
Nursery stock	678	2	8	139	2,129
Cut Christmas trees	498	5	8	184	1,877
Corn for silage	455	7	8	1,463	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	280	8	8	829	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	123
\$1,000 to \$2,499	54
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4
\$500,000 or more	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	37,834
Average per farm (\$)	116,055
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,519
Average per farm (\$)	23,065

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	179
Other	147
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	242
Female	84
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	511
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.