

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

Connecticut

Number of farms

4,191 farms in 2002, 4,905 farms in 1997, down 15 percent.

Land in farms

357,154 acres in 2002, 406,222 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm

85 acres in 2002, 83 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$470,637,000 in 2002, \$434,970,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$327,527,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$143,110,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

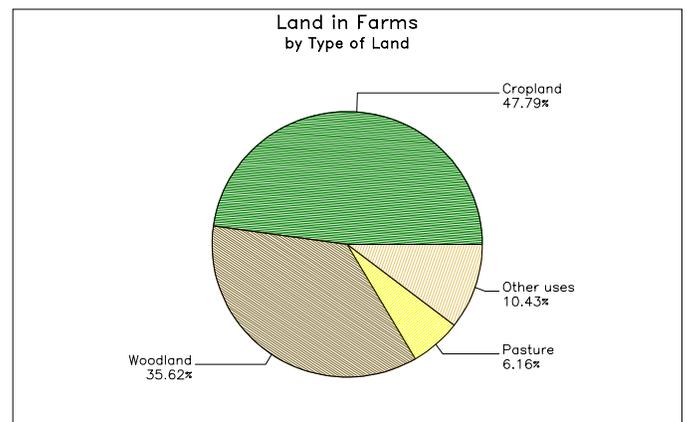
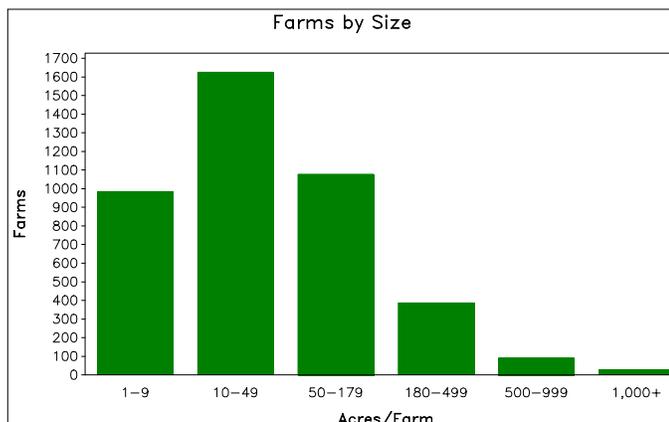
\$112,297 in 2002, \$88,679 in 1997, up 27 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,681,000 in 2002, \$1,519,000 in 1997, up 142 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,492 in 2002, \$3,231 in 1997, up 349 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	470,637	44	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	327,527	39	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	143,110	44	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,410	46	50
Tobacco	36,233	7	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	19,120	40	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	14,721	27	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	245,773	18	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	3,407	16	50
Other crops and hay	6,863	47	50
Poultry and eggs	62,411	35	50
Cattle and calves	7,025	46	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	56,523	37	50
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	528	46	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,671	45	50
Aquaculture	12,848	20	50
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	(D)	50
Cattle and calves	54,247	44	50
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	41,195	33	50
Pheasants	17,182	25	50
Horses and ponies	9,499	45	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	73,757	45	50
Corn for silage	27,892	33	49
All Vegetables harvested	10,691	32	50
Nursery stock	4,911	24	50
Cut Christmas trees	4,833	16	49

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	1,312	Farming	2,077
\$1,000 to \$2,499	588	Other	2,114
\$2,500 to \$4,999	523		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	398	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	379	Male	3,323
\$20,000 to \$24,999	123	Female	868
\$25,000 to \$39,999	170		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	71	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	188		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	195	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	114	White	6,425
\$500,000 or more	130	Black or African American	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	397,687	American Indian or Alaska Native	18
Average per farm (\$)	94,575	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		Asian	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	92,591	More than one race	24
Average per farm (\$)	22,019	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	92

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

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

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