

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Fairfield, Connecticut

Number of farms

287 farms in 2002, 345 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

Land in farms

12,828 acres in 2002, 14,850 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Average size of farm

45 acres in 2002, 43 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$30,272,000 in 2002, \$18,427,000 in 1997, up 64 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$21,823,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,449,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

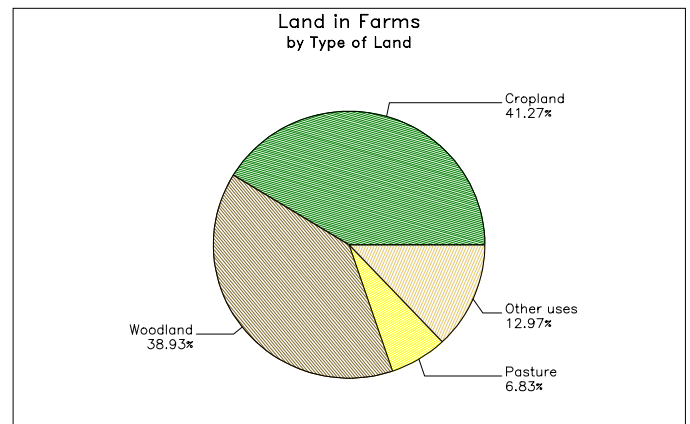
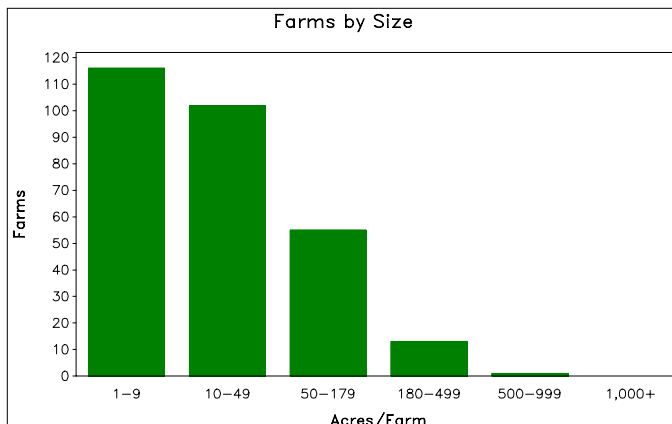
\$105,478 in 2002, \$53,411 in 1997, up 97 percent.

Government Payments

(D) in 2002, \$13,000 in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

(D) in 2002, \$1,309 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	30,272	6	8	1,693	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	21,823	5	8	1,098	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,449	6	8	2,002	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	8	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	775	5	8	844	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	765	8	8	414	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	19,453	5	8	141	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	677	1	8	75	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	8	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	28	8	8	1,618	2,918
Cattle and calves	192	7	8	2,919	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	244	8	8	1,937	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	8	8	2,569	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	18	8	8	1,991	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	78	8	8	1,998	3,014
Aquaculture	7,863	1	6	35	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	23	7	8	1,478	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,547	7	8	923	2,983
Horses and ponies	780	7	8	1,594	3,065
Cattle and calves	658	8	8	2,961	3,059
Colonies of bees	376	5	8	692	2,392
Sheep and lambs	356	6	8	1,664	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,217	8	8	2,705	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	435	6	8	216	1,877
All Vegetables harvested	373	6	8	727	2,710
Nursery stock	(D)	4	8	(D)	2,129
Apples	241	5	8	191	2,173

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	93
\$1,000 to \$2,499	26
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32
\$10,000 to \$19,999	37
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5
\$500,000 or more	14
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,249
Average per farm (\$)	77,522
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,804
Average per farm (\$)	34,161

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	148
Other	139
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	205
Female	82
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	450
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.