

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



FAIRFIELD CONNECTICUT

Land in farms

Increased 20 percent from 9,975 acres in 1992 to 11,935 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 41 acres in 1992 to 47 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 10 percent from 115 farms in 1992 to 126 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

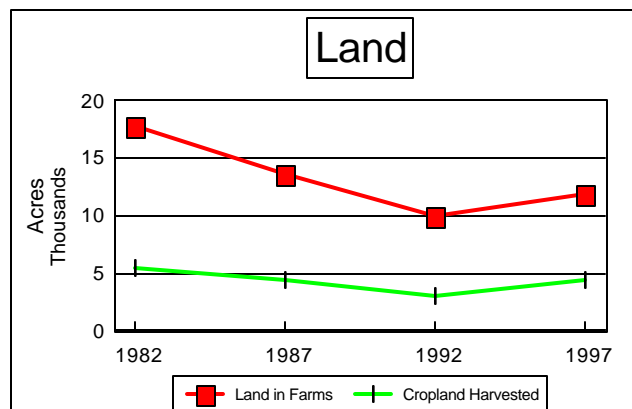
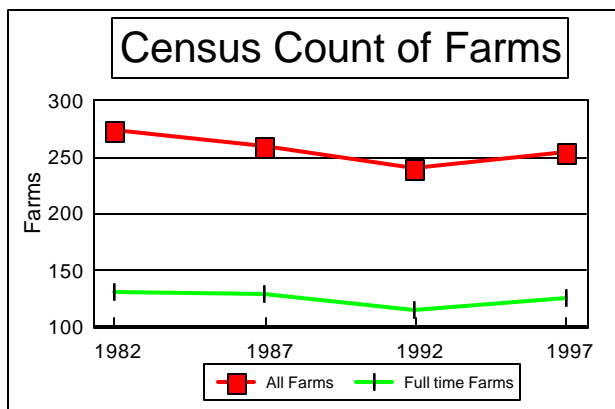
Increased 93 percent to \$16,837,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 83 percent from \$36,170 in 1992 to \$66,026 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	16,837	8	8	2,228	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	10,896	5	8	1,700	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,940	7	8	2,257	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,770	5	8	240	2,790
Aquaculture	(D)	1	8	33	1,505
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	948	6	8	554	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	890	7	8	342	2,547
Dairy products	366	8	8	1,887	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	832	7	8	1,004	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	6	8	933	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	334	8	8	2,955	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	195	7	8	1,727	2,765
Turkeys sold	141	6	8	577	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,185	8	8	1,111	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	843	8	8	2,950	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	492	8	8	1,615	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	313	6	8	1,656	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	213	4	8	824	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,641	8	8	2,618	3,061
All nursery-acres	887	4	8	335	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	418	7	8	706	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	330	5	8	586	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	134	8	8	1,941	2,473

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	154	150	3
\$10,000 or more	101	91	11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	10,781	6,994	54
Average per farmdollars..	42,278	29,142	45
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,614	677	729
Average per farmdollars..	22,014	2,820	681
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	185	182	2
Partnership or corporation	66	55	20
Other	4	4	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	126	115	10
Other	129	126	2
Operators by sex:			
Male	203	199	2
Female	52	42	24
Operators by race:			
White	255	241	6
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	57.1	56.1	2

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

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