

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



HARTFORD CONNECTICUT

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 56,510 acres in 1992 to 52,922 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 90 acres in 1992 to 84 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 356 farms in 1992 to 348 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

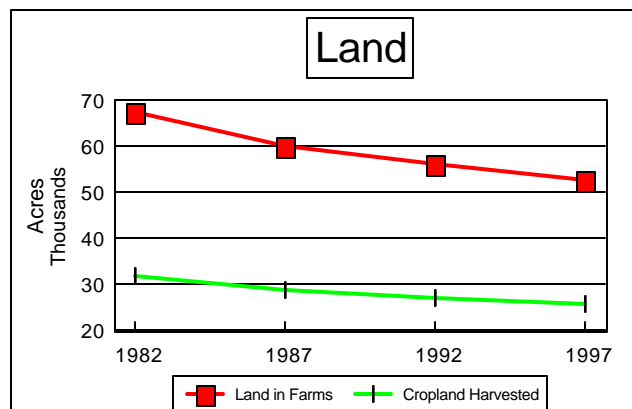
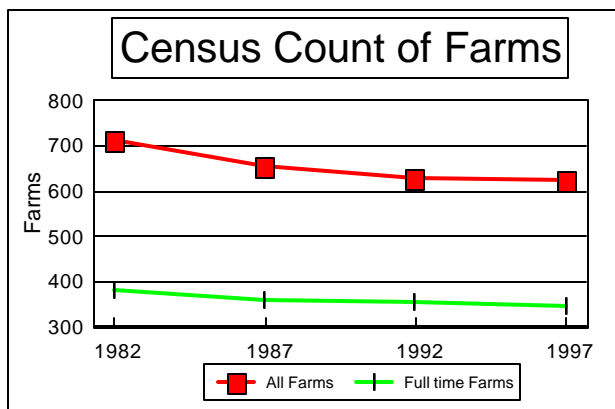
Increased 23 percent to \$112,189,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 24 percent from \$144,658 in 1992 to \$178,929 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 | 112,189 | 2 | 8 | 426 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 102,432 | 1 | 8 | 133 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 9,757 | 5 | 8 | 1,876 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Tobacco | 52,284 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 580 |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 37,390 | 2 | 8 | 51 | 2,790 |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons | 7,881 | 1 | 8 | 132 | 2,739 |
| Poultry & poultry products | (D) | 3 | 8 | 642 | 2,901 |
| Dairy products | 3,643 | 5 | 8 | 776 | 2,563 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold | (D) | 4 | 8 | 711 | 2,203 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold | (D) | 3 | 8 | 185 | 2,200 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | (D) | 3 | 7 | 711 | 1,882 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 2,009 | 1 | 8 | 1,551 | 2,976 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 1,713 | 6 | 8 | 2,697 | 3,063 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory | (D) | 2 | 7 | 108 | 1,790 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | (D) | 4 | 8 | 634 | 3,002 |
| Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory | (D) | 3 | 8 | 377 | 2,549 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 4,613 | 5 | 8 | 2,617 | 3,064 |
| Broiler inventory | (D) | 3 | 8 | 698 | 2,620 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 7,671 | 4 | 8 | 1,939 | 3,061 |
| All nursery-acres | 6,645 | 1 | 8 | 22 | 2,619 |
| Land used for vegetables-acres | 4,511 | 1 | 8 | 152 | 2,741 |
| Tobacco-acres | 2,422 | 1 | 2 | 113 | 583 |
| Corn for silage-acres | 2,324 | 5 | 8 | 609 | 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 | 313 | 328 | -5 |
| \$10,000 or more | 314 | 300 | 5 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 83,028 | 70,724 | 17 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 132,845 | 112,619 | 18 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 26,416 | 19,909 | 33 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 42,198 | 31,702 | 33 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 485 | 469 | 3 |
| Partnership or corporation | 136 | 156 | -13 |
| Other | 6 | 3 | 100 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 348 | 356 | -2 |
| Other | 279 | 272 | 3 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 551 | 560 | -2 |
| Female | 76 | 68 | 12 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 625 | 624 | 0 |
| Black and other races | 2 | 4 | -50 |
| Average age of operator | 55.6 | 56.4 | -1 |

(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.