

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



LITCHFIELD CONNECTICUT

Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 86,581 acres in 1992 to 90,538 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 143 acres in 1992 to 131 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 332 farms in 1992 to 312 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

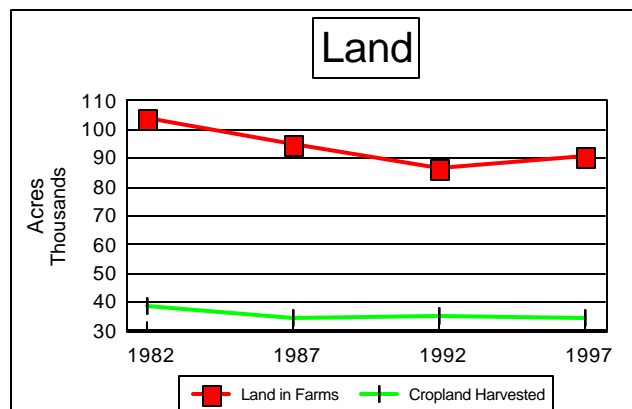
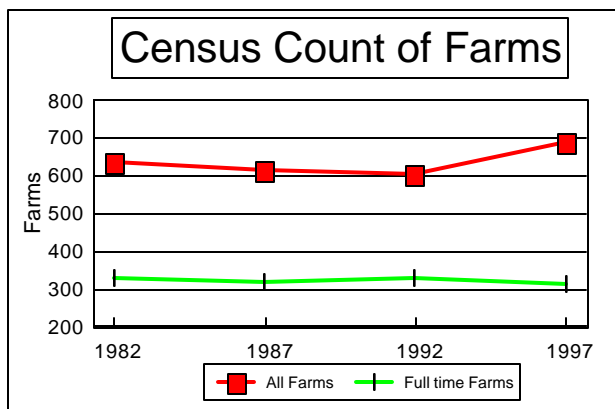
Decreased 9 percent to \$27,461,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 20 percent from \$49,564 in 1992 to \$39,856 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	27,461	6	8	1,832	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	16,966	3	8	1,405	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,495	7	8	1,722	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	13,124	3	8	295	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,394	7	8	371	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,157	1	8	356	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,592	3	8	414	2,739
Cattle and calves	1,450	1	8	2,355	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	4	8	205	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	6	8	885	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	4,937	3	8	2,180	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,546	4	8	1,654	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,281	1	8	686	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	5	8	697	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	14,849	2	8	1,810	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	4,456	2	8	266	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,586	1	8	656	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,563	1	8	343	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	25,767	1	8	795	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	6,463	3	8	225	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	2,378	1	8	1,587	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	909	3	8	481	2,741
All nursery-acres	868	5	8	347	2,619

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	413	354	17
\$10,000 or more	276	253	9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,234	26,017	-3
Average per farmdollars..	36,677	42,932	-15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	997	4,395	-77
Average per farmdollars..	1,449	7,252	-80
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	569	506	12
Partnership or corporation	112	91	23
Other	8	10	-20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	312	332	-6
Other	377	275	37
Operators by sex:			
Male	581	505	15
Female	108	102	6
Operators by race:			
White	684	603	13
Black and other races	5	4	25
Average age of operator	54.4	53.9	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.