

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



MIDDLESEX CONNECTICUT

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 19,830 acres in 1992 to 18,682 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 16 percent from 77 acres in 1992 to 65 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 18 percent from 105 farms in 1992 to 124 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

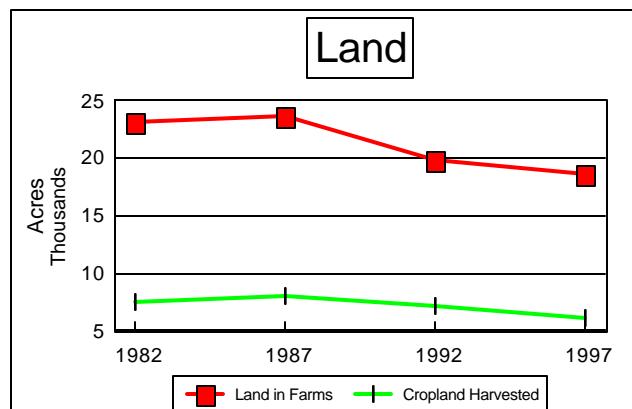
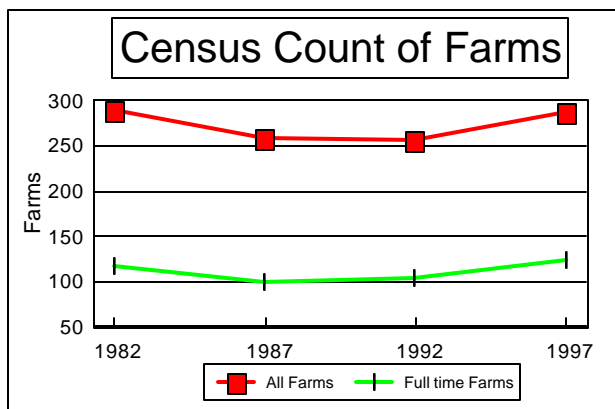
Increased 52 percent to \$33,944,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 35 percent from \$87,006 in 1992 to \$117,861 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	33,944	5	8	1,607	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	31,434	4	8	899	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,510	8	8	2,649	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	29,259	4	8	67	2,790
Dairy products	1,613	7	8	1,161	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,517	3	8	254	2,547
Horses and ponies	433	5	8	334	3,015
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	360	8	8	859	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,759	5	8	625	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	771	7	8	2,872	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	573	8	8	1,050	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	490	6	8	2,062	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	350	6	7	1,134	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,556	7	8	913	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	2,027	7	8	2,836	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	727	4	8	1,112	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	697	5	8	854	2,884
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	303	6	8	592	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	3,980	7	8	2,424	3,061
All nursery-acres	1,209	3	8	247	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	502	7	8	1,423	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	318	6	8	596	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	233	8	8	905	2,741

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	206	194	6
\$10,000 or more	82	62	32
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	27,212	19,267	41
Average per farmdollars..	94,816	75,263	26
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,477	1,926	288
Average per farmdollars..	26,051	7,524	246
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	236	199	19
Partnership or corporation	51	57	-11
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	124	105	18
Other	164	151	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	222	207	7
Female	66	49	35
Operators by race:			
White	286	253	13
Black and other races	2	3	-33
Average age of operator	55.7	54.9	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.