

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Litchfield, Connecticut

Number of farms

789 farms in 2002, 916 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

93,569 acres in 2002, 101,170 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

119 acres in 2002, 110 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$30,093,000 in 2002, \$29,728,000 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$15,747,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$14,346,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

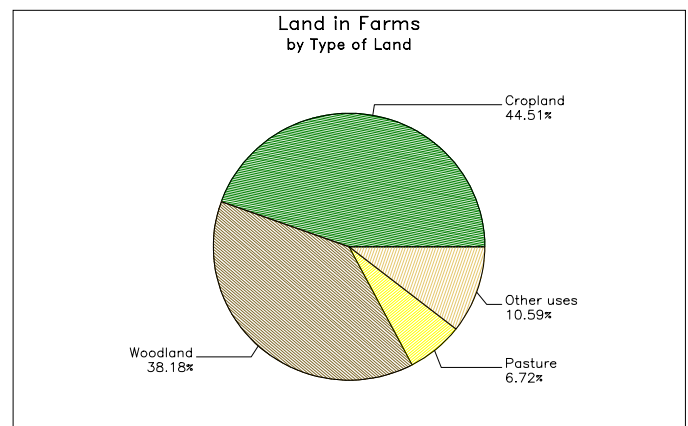
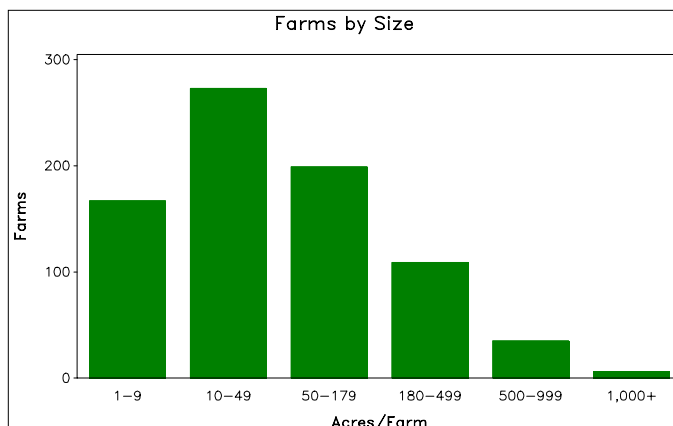
\$38,141 in 2002, \$32,454 in 1997, up 18 percent.

Government Payments

\$748,000 in 2002, \$267,000 in 1997, up 180 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,269 in 2002, \$2,753 in 1997, up 346 percent.



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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	30,093	7	8	1,702	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	15,747	6	8	1,345	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,346	4	8	1,582	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	239	3	8	2,188	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,304	4	8	673	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,060	6	8	340	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,482	6	8	247	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	297	6	8	177	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,365	1	8	530	3,046
Poultry and eggs	432	5	8	1,082	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,762	1	8	2,249	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	11,153	4	8	342	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	8	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	112	2	8	744	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	483	2	8	404	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	6	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	234	1	8	535	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	11,596	2	8	1,926	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	4,337	4	8	810	2,983
Pheasants	(D)	2	7	(D)	1,541
Horses and ponies	1,782	2	8	570	3,065
Sheep and lambs	1,362	2	8	769	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,430	1	8	918	3,059
Corn for silage	5,483	3	8	327	2,307
Corn for grain	1,614	1	6	1,633	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	770	4	8	508	2,710
Cut Christmas trees	573	4	8	163	1,877

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	247
\$1,000 to \$2,499	110
\$2,500 to \$4,999	99
\$5,000 to \$9,999	75
\$10,000 to \$19,999	77
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	41
\$100,000 to \$249,999	32
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16
\$500,000 or more	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,818
Average per farm (\$)	35,124
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,710
Average per farm (\$)	5,946

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	367
Other	422
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	628
Female	161
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,181
Black or African American	6
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	4
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.