

**Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

| Item                                      | Connecticut         | Fairfield | Hartford | Litchfield | Middlesex |
|---|---------------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                              |                     |           |          |            |           |
| Land in farms                             | farms, 2002 4,191   | 287       | 724      | 789        | 326       |
|   | 1997 4,905          | 345       | 803      | 916        | 405       |
|   | acres, 2002 357,154 | 12,828    | 50,192   | 93,569     | 17,806    |
|   | 1997 406,222        | 14,850    | 59,102   | 101,170    | 22,839    |
| Harvested cropland                        | farms, 2002 3,000   | 191       | 540      | 581        | 221       |
|   | 1997 3,848          | 248       | 672      | 710        | 317       |
|   | acres, 2002 131,248 | 3,795     | 22,066   | 33,023     | 6,419     |
|   | 1997 153,446        | 5,082     | 27,588   | 37,738     | 7,572     |
| <b>TENURE</b>                             |                     |           |          |            |           |
| Full owners                               | farms, 2002 2,886   | 209       | 450      | 511        | 250       |
|   | 1997 3,268          | 260       | 488      | 576        | 283       |
|   | acres, 2002 166,173 | 7,141     | 18,939   | 39,875     | 11,410    |
|   | 1997 187,183        | 9,153     | 22,611   | 42,357     | 13,260    |
| Harvested cropland                        | farms, 2002 1,953   | 128       | 297      | 357        | 164       |
|   | 1997 2,446          | 178       | 385      | 428        | 216       |
|   | acres, 2002 34,778  | 1,554     | 4,777    | 6,450      | 2,726     |
|   | 1997 42,463         | 2,325     | 6,088    | 8,292      | 3,092     |
| Part owners                               | farms, 2002 955     | 52        | 194      | 195        | 57        |
|   | 1997 1,185          | 58        | 220      | 247        | 82        |
|   | acres, 2002 163,086 | 3,780     | 26,377   | 40,915     | 5,186     |
|   | 1997 189,577        | 4,868     | 28,462   | 50,981     | 7,191     |
| Owned land in farms                       | acres, 2002 88,155  | 2,111     | 13,923   | 18,170     | 2,560     |
|   | 1997 102,072        | 2,692     | 16,643   | 20,352     | 3,919     |
| Rented land in farms                      | acres, 2002 74,931  | 1,669     | 12,454   | 22,745     | 2,626     |
|   | 1997 87,505         | 2,176     | 11,819   | 30,629     | 3,272     |
| Harvested cropland                        | farms, 2002 814     | 43        | 178      | 171        | 45        |
|   | 1997 1,066          | 47        | 208      | 214        | 74        |
|   | acres, 2002 83,943  | 1,730     | 14,330   | 21,695     | 2,970     |
|   | 1997 95,800         | 2,323     | 16,524   | 25,868     | 3,382     |
| Tenants                                   | farms, 2002 350     | 26        | 80       | 83         | 19        |
|   | 1997 452            | 27        | 95       | 93         | 40        |
|   | acres, 2002 27,895  | 1,907     | 4,876    | 12,779     | 1,210     |
|   | 1997 29,462         | 829       | 8,029    | 7,832      | 2,388     |
| Harvested cropland                        | farms, 2002 233     | 20        | 65       | 53         | 12        |
|   | 1997 336            | 23        | 79       | 68         | 27        |
|   | acres, 2002 12,527  | 511       | 2,959    | 4,878      | 723       |
|   | 1997 15,183         | 434       | 4,976    | 3,578      | 1,098     |
| <b>2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>       |                     |           |          |            |           |
| Total operators                           | number 6,626        | 469       | 1,155    | 1,216      | 520       |
| Farms by number of operators:             |                     |           |          |            |           |
| 1 operator                                | 2,278               | 162       | 386      | 445        | 177       |
| 2 operators                               | 1,537               | 84        | 279      | 284        | 113       |
| 3 operators                               | 274                 | 27        | 37       | 45         | 29        |
| 4 operators                               | 73                  | 12        | 16       | 10         | 5         |
| 5 or more operators                       | 29                  | 2         | 6        | 5          | 2         |
| Total women operators                     | number 2,255        | 185       | 360      | 403        | 193       |
| Farms by number of women operators:       |                     |           |          |            |           |
| 1 operator                                | 1,819               | 129       | 301      | 336        | 147       |
| 2 operators                               | 177                 | 16        | 28       | 30         | 20        |
| 3 operators                               | 26                  | 8         | 1        | 1          | 2         |
| 4 operators                               | 1                   | -         | -        | 1          | -         |
| 5 or more operators                       | -                   | -         | -        | -          | -         |
| <b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b> |                     |           |          |            |           |
| Sex of operator:                          |                     |           |          |            |           |
| Male                                      | farms, 2002 3,323   | 205       | 594      | 628        | 242       |
|   | 1997 4,096          | 263       | 698      | 765        | 304       |
|   | acres, 2002 316,978 | 10,220    | 43,804   | 83,127     | 15,644    |
|   | 1997 366,453        | 11,814    | 54,920   | 88,018     | 19,610    |
| Female                                    | farms, 2002 868     | 82        | 130      | 161        | 84        |
|   | 1997 809            | 82        | 105      | 151        | 101       |
|   | acres, 2002 40,176  | 2,608     | 6,388    | 10,442     | 2,162     |
|   | 1997 39,769         | 3,036     | 4,182    | 13,152     | 3,229     |
| Primary occupation:                       |                     |           |          |            |           |
| Farming                                   | 2002 2,077          | 148       | 378      | 367        | 179       |
|   | 1997 2,228          | 155       | 422      | 383        | 162       |
| Other                                     | 2002 2,114          | 139       | 346      | 422        | 147       |
|   | 1997 2,677          | 190       | 381      | 533        | 243       |
| Place of residence <sup>1</sup> :         |                     |           |          |            |           |
| On farm operated                          | 2002 3,380          | 228       | 530      | 676        | 262       |
|   | 1997 3,835          | 256       | 586      | 752        | 319       |
| Not on farm operated                      | 2002 811            | 59        | 194      | 113        | 64        |
|   | 1997 770            | 68        | 171      | 108        | 59        |
| Days worked off farm <sup>1</sup> :       |                     |           |          |            |           |
| None                                      | 2002 1,919          | 150       | 348      | 345        | 174       |
|   | 1997 1,936          | 157       | 357      | 322        | 157       |
| Any                                       | 2002 2,272          | 137       | 376      | 444        | 152       |
|   | 1997 2,756          | 171       | 413      | 555        | 233       |
| 1 to 49 days                              | 2002 205            | 14        | 42       | 42         | 15        |
|   | 1997 222            | 12        | 38       | 33         | 29        |
| 50 to 99 days                             | 2002 105            | 13        | 16       | 18         | 4         |
|   | 1997 170            | 16        | 34       | 39         | 16        |
| 100 to 199 days                           | 2002 343            | 17        | 59       | 64         | 22        |
|   | 1997 (NA)           | (NA)      | (NA)     | (NA)       | (NA)      |
| 200 days or more                          | 2002 1,619          | 93        | 259      | 320        | 111       |
|   | 1997 1,884          | 102       | 285      | 378        | 146       |

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| Item                                      |             | New Haven | New London | Tolland | Windham |
|---|-------------|-----------|------------|---------|---------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                              |             |           |            |         |         |
| Land in farms                             | farms, 2002 | 486       | 677        | 398     | 504     |
|   | 1997        | 565       | 816        | 477     | 578     |
|   | acres, 2002 | 25,977    | 58,876     | 36,782  | 61,124  |
|   | 1997        | 28,367    | 76,212     | 40,700  | 62,982  |
| Harvested cropland                        | farms, 2002 | 360       | 462        | 298     | 347     |
|   | 1997        | 448       | 642        | 373     | 438     |
|   | acres, 2002 | 10,101    | 19,289     | 14,209  | 22,346  |
|   | 1997        | 11,770    | 24,440     | 13,938  | 25,318  |
| <b>TENURE</b>                             |             |           |            |         |         |
| Full owners                               | farms, 2002 | 338       | 499        | 272     | 357     |
|   | 1997        | 392       | 565        | 297     | 407     |
|   | acres, 2002 | 13,754    | 30,741     | 18,270  | 26,043  |
|   | 1997        | 14,105    | 38,603     | 18,797  | 28,297  |
| Harvested cropland                        | farms, 2002 | 249       | 336        | 220     | 279     |
|   | 1997        | 312       | 432        | 216     | 279     |
|   | acres, 2002 | 3,987     | 6,973      | 3,600   | 4,711   |
|   | 1997        | 4,138     | 8,264      | 3,933   | 6,331   |
| Part owners                               | farms, 2002 | 96        | 138        | 95      | 128     |
|   | 1997        | 120       | 178        | 138     | 142     |
|   | acres, 2002 | 9,541     | 25,785     | 17,541  | 33,961  |
|   | 1997        | 12,092    | 32,631     | 20,694  | 32,658  |
| Owned land in farms                       | acres, 2002 | 4,037     | 16,020     | 10,427  | 20,907  |
|   | 1997        | 5,004     | 20,244     | 13,281  | 19,937  |
| Rented land in farms                      | acres, 2002 | 5,504     | 9,765      | 7,114   | 13,054  |
|   | 1997        | 7,088     | 12,387     | 7,413   | 12,721  |
| Harvested cropland                        | farms, 2002 | 76        | 109        | 78      | 114     |
|   | 1997        | 97        | 164        | 125     | 137     |
|   | acres, 2002 | 5,050     | 11,225     | 10,156  | 16,787  |
|   | 1997        | 6,251     | 14,234     | 9,433   | 17,785  |
| Tenants                                   | farms, 2002 | 52        | 40         | 31      | 19      |
|   | 1997        | 53        | 73         | 42      | 29      |
|   | acres, 2002 | 2,682     | 2,350      | 971     | 1,120   |
|   | 1997        | 2,170     | 4,978      | 1,209   | 2,027   |
| Harvested cropland                        | farms, 2002 | 35        | 17         | 18      | 13      |
|   | 1997        | 39        | 46         | 32      | 22      |
|   | acres, 2002 | 1,064     | 1,091      | 453     | 848     |
|   | 1997        | 1,381     | 1,942      | 572     | 1,202   |
| <b>2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>       |             |           |            |         |         |
| Total operators                           | number      | 748       | 1,045      | 629     | 844     |
| Farms by number of operators:             |             |           |            |         |         |
| 1 operator                                |             | 272       | 373        | 222     | 241     |
| 2 operators                               |             | 176       | 251        | 138     | 212     |
| 3 operators                               |             | 31        | 45         | 24      | 36      |
| 4 operators                               |             | 5         | 5          | 12      | 8       |
| 5 or more operators                       |             | 2         | 3          | 2       | 7       |
| Total women operators                     | number      | 252       | 361        | 197     | 304     |
| Farms by number of women operators:       |             |           |            |         |         |
| 1 operator                                |             | 199       | 297        | 165     | 245     |
| 2 operators                               |             | 22        | 32         | 7       | 22      |
| 3 operators                               |             | 3         | -          | 6       | 5       |
| 4 operators                               |             | -         | -          | -       | -       |
| 5 or more operators                       |             | -         | -          | -       | -       |
| <b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b> |             |           |            |         |         |
| Sex of operator:                          |             |           |            |         |         |
| Male                                      | farms, 2002 | 389       | 528        | 335     | 402     |
|   | 1997        | 465       | 707        | 401     | 493     |
|   | acres, 2002 | 22,156    | 52,169     | 34,435  | 55,423  |
|   | 1997        | 25,085    | 70,281     | 38,382  | 58,343  |
| Female                                    | farms, 2002 | 97        | 149        | 63      | 102     |
|   | 1997        | 100       | 109        | 76      | 85      |
|   | acres, 2002 | 3,821     | 6,707      | 2,347   | 5,701   |
|   | 1997        | 3,282     | 5,931      | 2,318   | 4,639   |
| Primary occupation:                       |             |           |            |         |         |
| Farming                                   | 2002        | 252       | 343        | 168     | 242     |
|   | 1997        | 275       | 385        | 204     | 242     |
| Other                                     | 2002        | 234       | 334        | 230     | 262     |
|   | 1997        | 290       | 431        | 273     | 336     |
| Place of residence <sup>1</sup> :         |             |           |            |         |         |
| On farm operated                          | 2002        | 354       | 560        | 324     | 446     |
|   | 1997        | 419       | 648        | 371     | 484     |
| Not on farm operated                      | 2002        | 132       | 117        | 74      | 58      |
|   | 1997        | 113       | 123        | 70      | 58      |
| Days worked off farm <sup>1</sup> :       |             |           |            |         |         |
| None                                      | 2002        | 249       | 303        | 147     | 203     |
|   | 1997        | 241       | 319        | 173     | 210     |
| Any                                       | 2002        | 237       | 374        | 251     | 301     |
|   | 1997        | 297       | 462        | 281     | 344     |
| 1 to 49 days                              | 2002        | 23        | 24         | 21      | 24      |
|   | 1997        | 28        | 45         | 13      | 24      |
| 50 to 99 days                             | 2002        | 14        | 25         | 5       | 10      |
|   | 1997        | 11        | 24         | 16      | 14      |
| 100 to 199 days                           | 2002        | 40        | 58         | 33      | 50      |
|   | 1997        | (NA)      | (NA)       | (NA)    | (NA)    |
| 200 days or more                          | 2002        | 160       | 267        | 192     | 217     |
|   | 1997        | 203       | 311        | 212     | 247     |

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| Item  |             | Connecticut | Fairfield | Hartford | Litchfield | Middlesex |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>          |             |             |           |          |            |           |
| Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :                      |             |             |           |          |            |           |
| 2 years or less   | 2002        | 138         | 7         | 19       | 21         | 5         |
|   | 1997        | 241         | 15        | 61       | 37         | 14        |
| 3 or 4 years  | 2002        | 253         | 14        | 61       | 48         | 19        |
|   | 1997        | 337         | 23        | 43       | 74         | 23        |
| 5 to 9 years  | 2002        | 751         | 60        | 128      | 147        | 39        |
|   | 1997        | 556         | 35        | 80       | 105        | 51        |
| 10 years or more  | 2002        | 3,049       | 206       | 516      | 573        | 263       |
|   | 1997        | 3,028       | 219       | 483      | 562        | 267       |
| Average years on present farm                             | 2002        | 20.7        | 20.6      | 21.1     | 20.0       | 20.8      |
|   | 1997        | 20.4        | 21.4      | 20.8     | 19.9       | 21.1      |
| Age group:  |             |             |           |          |            |           |
| Under 25 years  | 2002        | 24          | -         | 10       | 3          | -         |
|   | 1997        | 30          | 1         | 7        | 7          | 1         |
| 25 to 34 years  | 2002        | 119         | 6         | 25       | 25         | 11        |
|   | 1997        | 276         | 25        | 44       | 44         | 19        |
| 35 to 44 years  | 2002        | 806         | 44        | 157      | 138        | 49        |
|   | 1997        | 979         | 49        | 155      | 199        | 90        |
| 45 to 54 years  | 2002        | 1,169       | 83        | 196      | 241        | 100       |
|   | 1997        | 1,244       | 75        | 200      | 250        | 115       |
| 55 to 59 years  | 2002        | 542         | 38        | 76       | 100        | 64        |
|   | 1997        | 565         | 38        | 74       | 115        | 39        |
| 60 to 64 years  | 2002        | 463         | 34        | 65       | 91         | 32        |
|   | 1997        | 427         | 39        | 73       | 78         | 21        |
| 65 to 69 years  | 2002        | 335         | 23        | 64       | 54         | 11        |
|   | 1997        | 479         | 53        | 70       | 89         | 34        |
| 70 years and over   | 2002        | 733         | 59        | 131      | 137        | 59        |
|   | 1997        | 905         | 65        | 180      | 134        | 86        |
| Average age   | 2002        | 55.4        | 57.1      | 55.0     | 55.4       | 55.5      |
|   | 1997        | 55.0        | 56.7      | 55.6     | 53.9       | 55.0      |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>                               |             |             |           |          |            |           |
| Family or individual                                      | farms, 2002 | 3,436       | 199       | 577      | 686        | 271       |
|   | 1997        | 4,040       | 251       | 624      | 764        | 332       |
|   | acres, 2002 | 236,889     | 8,337     | 30,216   | 63,797     | 12,865    |
|   | 1997        | 283,167     | 10,809    | 33,967   | 70,515     | 16,587    |
| Partnership   | farms, 2002 | 341         | 23        | 58       | 47         | 22        |
|   | 1997        | 435         | 32        | 78       | 81         | 40        |
|   | acres, 2002 | 63,369      | 2,260     | 5,450    | 16,703     | 1,677     |
|   | 1997        | 66,441      | 768       | 8,150    | 18,424     | 2,525     |
| Corporation:  |             |             |           |          |            |           |
| Family-held   | farms, 2002 | 300         | 52        | 65       | 35         | 25        |
|   | 1997        | 347         | 52        | 84       | 54         | 29        |
|   | acres, 2002 | 40,090      | 1,315     | 11,657   | 7,178      | 3,110     |
|   | 1997        | 48,058      | (D)       | 15,639   | 10,048     | 3,531     |
| Other than family held                                    | farms, 2002 | 38          | 4         | 14       | 8          | 3         |
|   | 1997        | 39          | 6         | 9        | 5          | 2         |
|   | acres, 2002 | 6,334       | (D)       | 1,864    | 3,494      | 89        |
|   | 1997        | 4,219       | 672       | 1,000    | (D)        | (D)       |
| Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. | farms, 2002 | 76          | 9         | 10       | 13         | 5         |
|   | 1997        | 44          | 4         | 8        | 12         | 2         |
|   | acres, 2002 | 10,472      | (D)       | 1,005    | 2,397      | 65        |
|   | 1997        | 4,337       | (D)       | 346      | (D)        | (D)       |

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| Item  |             | New Haven | New London | Tolland | Windham |
|---|-------------|-----------|------------|---------|---------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>          |             |           |            |         |         |
| Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :                      |             |           |            |         |         |
| 2 years or less   | 2002        | 12        | 28         | 22      | 24      |
|   | 1997        | 16        | 42         | 27      | 29      |
| 3 or 4 years  | 2002        | 21        | 26         | 36      | 28      |
|   | 1997        | 44        | 51         | 41      | 38      |
| 5 to 9 years  | 2002        | 103       | 123        | 70      | 81      |
|   | 1997        | 64        | 104        | 46      | 71      |
| 10 years or more  | 2002        | 350       | 500        | 270     | 371     |
|   | 1997        | 360       | 502        | 277     | 358     |
| Average years on present farm                             | 2002        | 22.3      | 21.2       | 18.7    | 20.4    |
|   | 1997        | 22.5      | 19.8       | 19.1    | 19.4    |
| Age group:  |             |           |            |         |         |
| Under 25 years  | 2002        | -         | -          | 11      | -       |
|   | 1997        | 2         | 6          | -       | 6       |
| 25 to 34 years  | 2002        | 10        | 17         | 9       | 16      |
|   | 1997        | 33        | 40         | 33      | 38      |
| 35 to 44 years  | 2002        | 92        | 131        | 88      | 107     |
|   | 1997        | 96        | 158        | 100     | 132     |
| 45 to 54 years  | 2002        | 121       | 149        | 103     | 176     |
|   | 1997        | 127       | 201        | 121     | 155     |
| 55 to 59 years  | 2002        | 52        | 102        | 54      | 56      |
|   | 1997        | 75        | 94         | 60      | 70      |
| 60 to 64 years  | 2002        | 57        | 75         | 48      | 61      |
|   | 1997        | 41        | 82         | 37      | 56      |
| 65 to 69 years  | 2002        | 44        | 79         | 26      | 34      |
|   | 1997        | 65        | 79         | 46      | 43      |
| 70 years and over   | 2002        | 110       | 124        | 59      | 54      |
|   | 1997        | 126       | 156        | 80      | 78      |
| Average age   | 2002        | 57.3      | 56.3       | 53.8    | 53.7    |
|   | 1997        | 56.6      | 55.5       | 54.2    | 52.9    |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>                               |             |           |            |         |         |
| Family or individual                                      | farms, 2002 | 351       | 589        | 327     | 436     |
|   | 1997        | 446       | 720        | 405     | 498     |
|   | acres, 2002 | 16,088    | 45,300     | 21,937  | 38,349  |
|   | 1997        | 19,512    | 61,356     | 27,066  | 43,355  |
| Partnership   | farms, 2002 | 77        | 46         | 25      | 43      |
|   | 1997        | 57        | 53         | 32      | 62      |
|   | acres, 2002 | 5,466     | 9,123      | 4,140   | 18,550  |
|   | 1997        | 5,256     | 10,123     | 6,031   | 15,164  |
| Corporation:  |             |           |            |         |         |
| Family-held   | farms, 2002 | 44        | 22         | 37      | 20      |
|   | 1997        | 48        | 33         | 31      | 16      |
|   | acres, 2002 | 3,595     | 2,644      | 7,501   | 3,090   |
|   | 1997        | 3,273     | 2,952      | 5,760   | (D)     |
| Other than family held                                    | farms, 2002 | -         | 8          | 1       | -       |
|   | 1997        | 7         | 3          | 7       | -       |
|   | acres, 2002 | -         | 855        | (D)     | -       |
|   | 1997        | 148       | (D)        | (D)     | -       |
| Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. | farms, 2002 | 14        | 12         | 8       | 5       |
|   | 1997        | 7         | 7          | 2       | 2       |
|   | acres, 2002 | 828       | 954        | (D)     | 1,135   |
|   | 1997        | 178       | (D)        | (D)     | (D)     |

<sup>1</sup> Data for 1997 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.