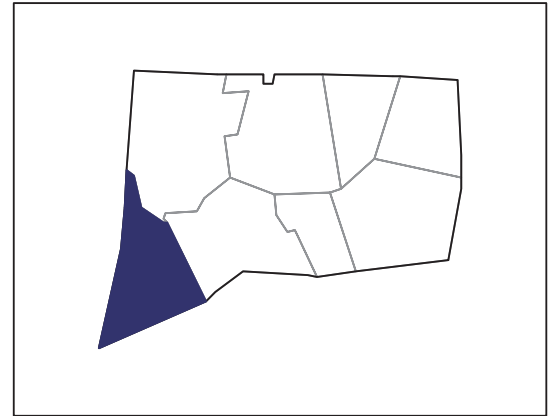


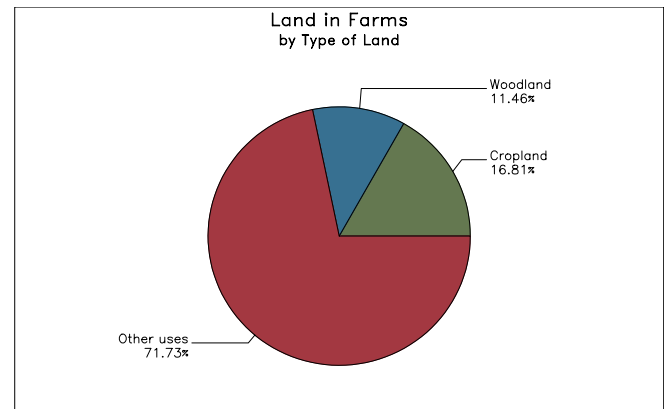
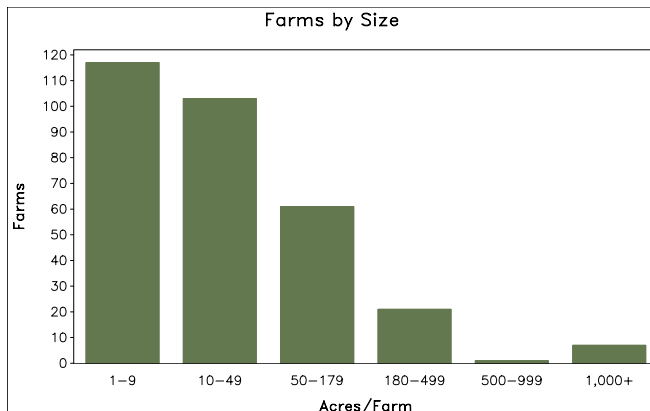
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Fairfield County Connecticut



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	310	287	+ 8
Land in Farms	39,543 acres	12,828 acres	+ 208
Average Size of Farm	128 acres	45 acres	+ 184
Market Value of Products Sold	\$37,285,000	\$30,272,000	+ 23
Crop Sales \$28,965,000 (78 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$8,320,000 (22 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$120,273	\$105,478	+ 14
Government Payments	\$19,000	(D)	
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,351	(D)	



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Fairfield County – Connecticut

Ranked items among the 8 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	37,285	8	8	1,815	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	28,965	5	8	1,232	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,320	6	8	2,153	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15	7	8	2,707	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,085	8	8	786	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,562	8	8	352	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	24,916	5	8	130	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,087	1	8	43	1,710
Other crops and hay	300	8	8	2,472	3,054
Poultry and eggs	152	7	8	1,319	3,020
Cattle and calves	124	8	8	2,965	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	377	8	8	1,706	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	8	8	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	31	8	8	2,019	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	337	6	8	712	3,024
Aquaculture	7,278	1	7	47	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	8	8	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,791	8	8	2,491	3,060
Cut Christmas trees	388	6	8	161	1,756
Vegetables harvested for sale	376	8	8	810	2,794
Nursery stock	218	5	8	402	2,130
Apples	162	6	8	204	2,144
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	3,881	7	8	850	3,024
Horses and ponies	981	8	8	1,409	3,066
Pullets for laying flock replacement	887	4	8	559	2,627
Cattle and calves	803	8	8	2,923	3,060
Ducks	439	4	8	259	2,733

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	65	Farming	147
\$1,000 to \$2,499	37	Other	163
\$2,500 to \$4,999	28	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	Male	224
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36	Female	86
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	13	White	485
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	24,854	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	80,173	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	14
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,598		
Average per farm (\$)	50,317		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.