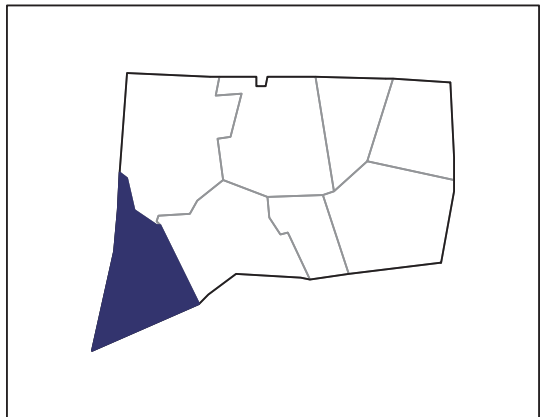


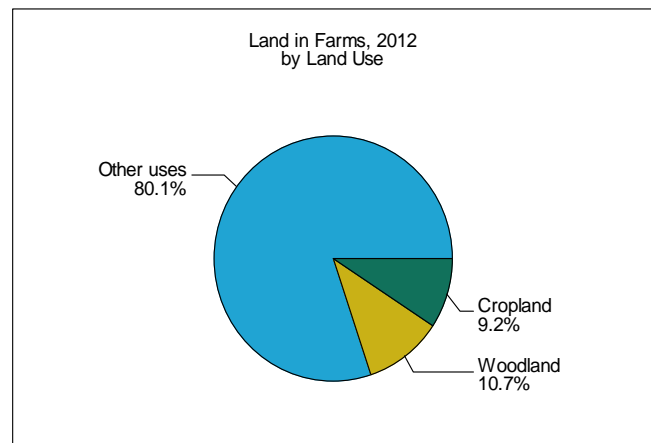
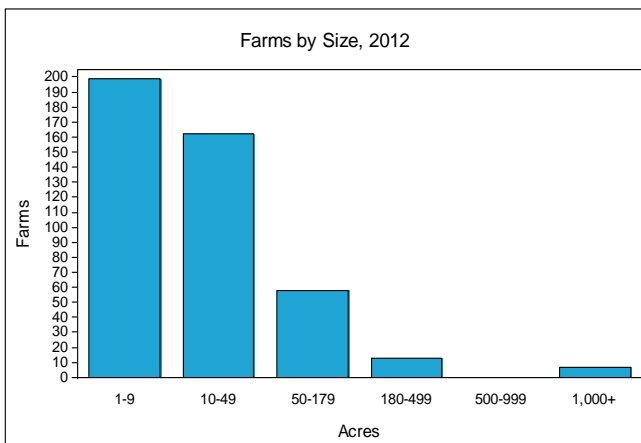
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Fairfield County Connecticut

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	439	310	+ 42
Land in Farms	53,948 acres	39,543 acres	+ 36
Average Size of Farm	123 acres	128 acres	- 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$34,820,000	\$37,285,000	- 7
Crop Sales \$20,925,000 (60 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$13,894,000 (40 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$79,316	\$120,273	- 34
Government Payments	\$160,000	\$19,000	+ 742
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,656	\$2,351	+ 183





Fairfield County – Connecticut

Ranked items among the 8 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	34,820	8	8	2,039	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	20,925	7	8	1,677	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,894	5	8	1,891	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	8	8	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	3	4	418	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,041	6	8	603	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,365	8	8	411	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	14,252	7	8	205	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	1	8	21	1,530
Other crops and hay	333	8	8	2,593	3,049
Poultry and eggs	81	7	8	1,458	3,013
Cattle and calves	88	8	8	2,977	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	8	8	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	12	8	8	2,046	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	6	8	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	732	4	8	358	3,011
Aquaculture	12,520	1	7	28	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	212	5	8	739	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,522	8	8	2,789	3,057
Cut Christmas trees	1,005	1	8	46	1,557
Vegetables harvested, all	302	8	8	846	2,801
Nursery stock crops	282	5	8	293	2,077
Corn for grain	(D)	6	8	(D)	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	3,376	6	8	975	3,040
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,140	4	8	754	2,723
Horses and ponies	1,863	6	8	519	3,072
Pullets for laying flock replacement	775	5	8	599	2,637
Sheep and lambs	563	5	8	1,339	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	127	Farming	254
\$1,000 to \$2,499	60	Other	185
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61	Male	304
\$10,000 to \$19,999	67	Female	135
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	12	White	690
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	40,128	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	91,408	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,859		
Average per farm (\$)	4,235		

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.