

# 1997 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
New England Agricultural Statistics Service



## CONNECTICUT

### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 358,743 acres in 1992 to 359,313 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 105 acres in 1992 to 97 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 1,828 farms in 1992 to 1,824 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

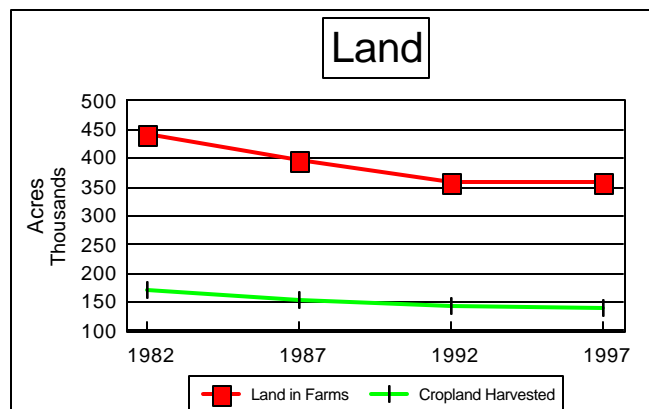
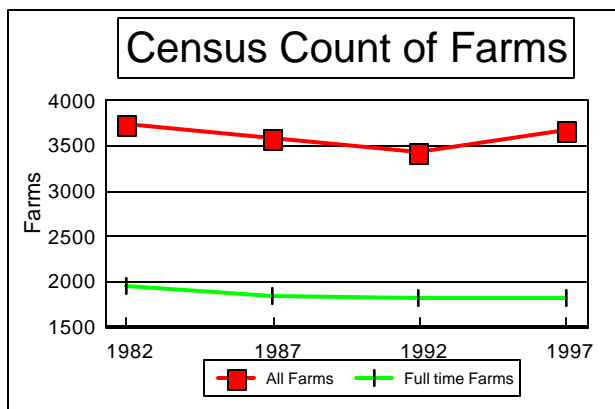
Increased 25 percent to \$421,648,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 16 percent from \$98,332 in 1992 to \$114,361 in 1997.



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#### Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>			
Total value of agricultural products sold	421,648	46	50
Value of crops including nursery	263,799	40	50
Value of livestock and poultry	157,850	44	50
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>			
Nursery and greenhouse crops	172,371	17	50
Poultry & poultry products	72,187	34	50
Dairy products	66,259	37	50
Tobacco	53,665	7	21
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	17,291	32	50
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>			
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	3,326,924	26	50
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	342,656	33	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	231,421	22	50
Cattle and calves sold	25,237	44	50
Hogs and pigs sold	9,408	44	50
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>			
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,757,535	24	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	1,020,733	16	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	235,384	31	50
Broiler inventory	79,030	31	50
Cattle and calves inventory	65,645	44	50
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>			
Hay crops-acres	81,752	45	50
Corn for silage-acres	32,219	30	49
All nursery-acres	12,844	26	50
Land used for vegetables-acres	9,738	33	50
Corn for grain-acres	5,460	43	48

#### Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	2,220	2,038	9
\$10,000 or more .....	1,467	1,389	6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	330,902	282,694	17
Average per farm .....dollars..	89,846	82,514	9
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	87,211	53,863	62
Average per farm .....dollars..	23,673	15,722	51
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	2,996	2,778	8
Partnership or corporation .....	655	615	7
Other .....	36	34	6
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	1,824	1,828	-0
Other .....	1,863	1,599	17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	3,134	2,922	7
Female .....	553	505	10
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	3,672	3,408	8
Black and other races .....	15	19	-21
Average age of operator .....	55.5	55.0	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.  
\* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.