



# Fairfield County Connecticut

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	402	-8
Land in farms (acres)	52,245	-3
Average size of farm (acres)	130	+6
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	42,069,000	+21
Government payments	33,000	-79
Farm-related income	10,031,000	+43
Total farm production expenses	46,696,000	+16
Net cash farm income	5,438,000	+193
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	104,650	+32
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	2,351	-65
Farm-related income	55,728	+38
Total farm production expenses	116,158	+27
Net cash farm income	13,527	+219

**7** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	53
Livestock, poultry, and products	47

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	9
Pastureland	3
Woodland	8
Other	79

Acres irrigated: 229

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	8
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	15
Cover crop	6

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	160	40
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	48	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	53	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35	9
\$100,000 or more	32	8

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	185	46
10 to 49 acres	144	36
50 to 179 acres	48	12
180 to 499 acres	14	3
500 to 999 acres	2	(Z)
1,000 + acres	9	2

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,069</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>22,177</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,587</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	7	8	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	2	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,544	8	8	632	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,763	5	8	346	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	16,603	6	8	156	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	1,619	1	8	28	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	7	8	(D)	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>19,892</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	155	6	8	939	3,007
Cattle and calves	177	8	8	2,650	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	8	8	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	8	8	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	177	4	8	877	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	1,563	1	8	107	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	1	7	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	148	6	8	622	2,878

Total Producers <sup>c</sup>

<b>Sex</b>	<b>689</b>
Male	355
Female	334
<b>Age</b>	
<35	72
35 – 64	401
65 and older	216
<b>Race</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	688
More than one race	1
<b>Other characteristics</b>	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	26
With military service	64
New and beginning farmers	258

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	<b>87</b>
Farm organically	<b>2</b>
Sell directly to consumers	<b>18</b>
Hire farm labor	<b>43</b>
Are family farms	<b>97</b>

Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>

Forage (hay/haylage), all	1,584
Cultivated Christmas trees	639
Soybeans for beans	240
Vegetables harvested, all	237
Corn for grain	231

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,056
Cattle and calves	526
Goats	328
Hogs and pigs	73
Horses and ponies	1,235
Layers	21,784
Pullets	492
Sheep and lambs	221
Turkeys	364

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.