

2003 CONNECTICUT NURSERY PRODUCTION

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Ten categories of nursery products totaled nearly \$4.0 billion across 17 states in 2003. Connecticut ranked 13th among these states with \$106.3 million in sales, about three percent of the 17 state total. Broadleaf evergreens accounted for the largest percent of sales with \$38.6 million or 36 percent of the Connecticut total, followed by coniferous evergreens with \$26.7 million and deciduous shrubs and other ornamentals at \$20.3 million. These three categories accounted for more than 80 percent of the Connecticut total. With the exception of Christmas trees at five percent, the majority of nursery crop sales were wholesale sales.

All nursery operations with sales over \$10,000 totaled 7,742 in the 17 states during 2003. These operations reported production area of nearly 20 billion square feet, or about 457,000 acres. Connecticut accounted for 118 of the total nursery operations with a production area of approximately 328 million square feet, or approximately 7,528 acres. Of the 118 Connecticut operations, over half reported a gross value of sales between \$10,000 and \$99,999.

Connecticut Nursery Crops: Producers, Plants Sold, Gross Sales, Inventory, and Value by Category, for Operations with \$100,000+ Sales

Category	Operations		Trees and Plants Sold		Gross Sales		Percent Sold Wholesale		January 1 Inventory	
	2000	2003	2000	2003	2000	2003	2000	2003	2001	2004
	Number		1,000 Plants		\$1,000		Percent		1,000 Plants	
Broadleaf Evergreens	19	24	3,707	4,499	32,053	38,633	96	96	10,305	13,272
Coniferous Evergreens	25	27	2,699	2,987	23,414	26,747	89	93	6,232	7,529
Deciduous Shade Trees	21	20	133	77	8,378	7,103	87	81	504	349
Deciduous Flowering Trees	21	24	159	152	4,847	5,214	87	85	438	385
Deciduous Shrubs and Other Ornamentals ^{1/}	27	28	2,419	2,299	19,526	20,337	95	90	4,555	3,913
Ornamental Grasses ^{1/}	--	12	--	130	--	2,189	--	99	--	114
Other Woody Ornamentals and Vines ^{1/}	--	14	--	648	--	2,753	--	81	--	1,120
Fruit and Nut Plants	9	8	132	113	943	1,824	95	100	50	102
Christmas Trees Cut and To Be Cut	6	7	37	34	1,252	1,281	11	5	567	429
Propagation Material	10	4	NA	NA	1,691	248	86	95	NA	NA
Total	39	38	NA	NA	92,104	106,329	NA	NA	NA	NA

^{1/} Ornamental Grasses and Other Woody Ornamentals and Vines were specifically enumerated in 2003. They were included in Deciduous Shrubs and Other Ornamentals in 2000.

Nursery Crops: Number of Operations by Reported Gross Value of Sales, 2000 and 2003

State	\$10,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to \$249,999	\$250,000 to \$499,999	\$500,000 to \$999,999	\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	\$10,000,000 or more	Total Operations
	Number								
Connecticut ^{1/}									
2000	53	18	7	14	1/	1/	1/	1/	92
2003	80	19	4	15	1/	1/	1/	1/	118
United States									
2000 ^{2/}	3,821	951	596	486	321	221	85	54	6,535
2003 ^{3/}	4,593	1,133	680	535	362	270	105	64	7,742

^{1/} Highest published sales range contains operations with greater sales to prevent disclosure of individual operations

^{2/} United States includes 17 States: Alabama, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington.

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