



CONNECTICUT FARM BUREAU



Helping Connecticut Farmers Optimize Profits

- Private non-profit member servicing Association
- Represent over 5,000 full and part time Connecticut farm families.
- Conventional and organic.
- Large and small farms.
- Related farm businesses.
- Advocate and educate on issues that help keep farm families in production agriculture

The Voice of Connecticut Agriculture






The mission of Connecticut farm bureau is to elevate the stature of agriculture in our state.

Through education, market promotion and legislative advocacy, **we strive to increase farm income** and to improve the quality of life not only for Connecticut farmers, but also for their consumers.



Farm Bureau Helps Farm Profitability...

- Access to one-on-one support with staff agricultural resource professional: **time = \$\$\$**
- Educational programs
- Advocate for a favorable regulatory climate for Connecticut farms on the state and local level
- Advocate for supportive tax structure for agriculture on the state and local level
- Producer groups to look at commodity specific challenges and solutions
- Young Farmers program





Farm Bureau's work of proactively representing the interest of farmers is vital to providing safe, locally grown, farm-fresh products and a high quality of life for all Connecticut residents.



What is Connecticut Agriculture?
 "Agriculture" and "Farming" are defined by CGS 1-1q



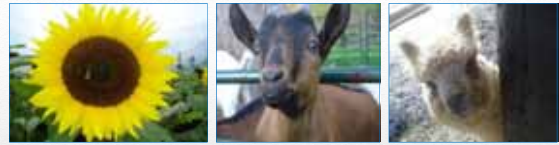
Economic Impacts of Connecticut's Agricultural Industry



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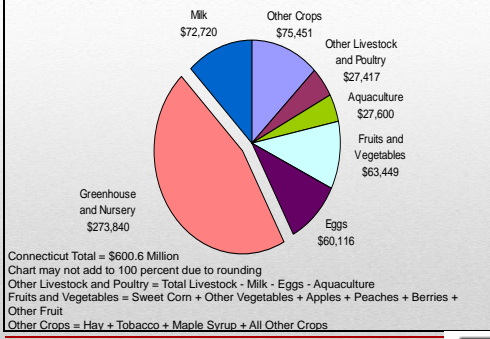
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- **\$3.5 billion dollars in output**
- **\$1,000 per Connecticut resident**
- **20,000 jobs statewide**
- **Significant social benefits**
- **Significant ecosystem services**



Connecticut Cash Receipts – 2008
by Commodity in 1,000 Dollars

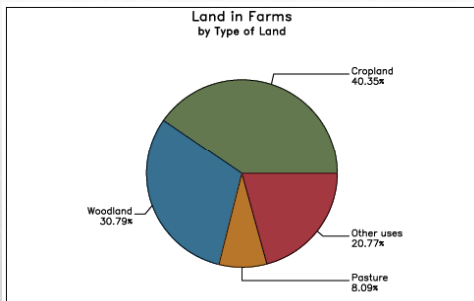


Smaller/More Diverse Farms

- www.agcensus.gov (2002-2007)
- Average farm size has decreased from 87 acres to 82 acres (-2%)
- Number of *farms has increased from 4,191 farms to 4,916 farms (+17%)
- 1,232.... < 10 acres
- 1,894.... < 10-49 acres
- * farm: any place producing \$1,000 worth of agricultural product in one calendar year



Land in Farms: 357,154 acres to 405,616 acres (+ 14%)



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