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

UCONN College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
September 2010
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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

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Smaller/More Diverse Farms

- 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%)

- Meadow: 40.3%
- Woodland: 30.7%
- Other: 8.3%
- Pasture: 8.3%

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