

Connecticut Farmer Survey Summary of Respondent Characteristics

Figure 1 – Role in Farm Operation (N=179)

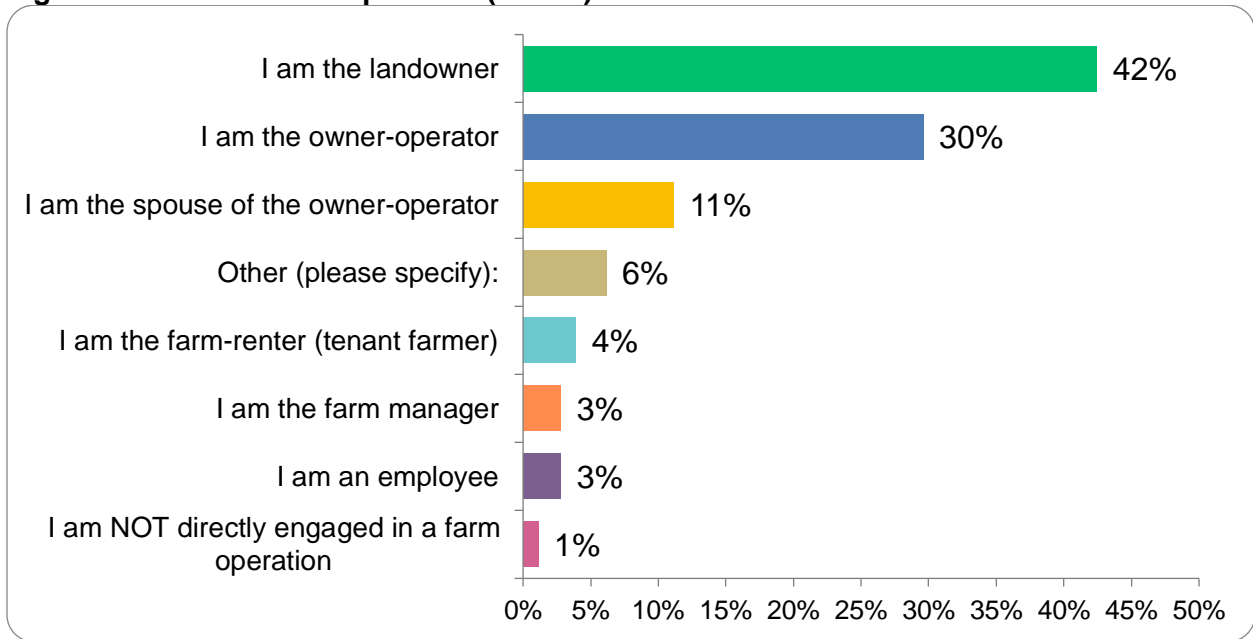
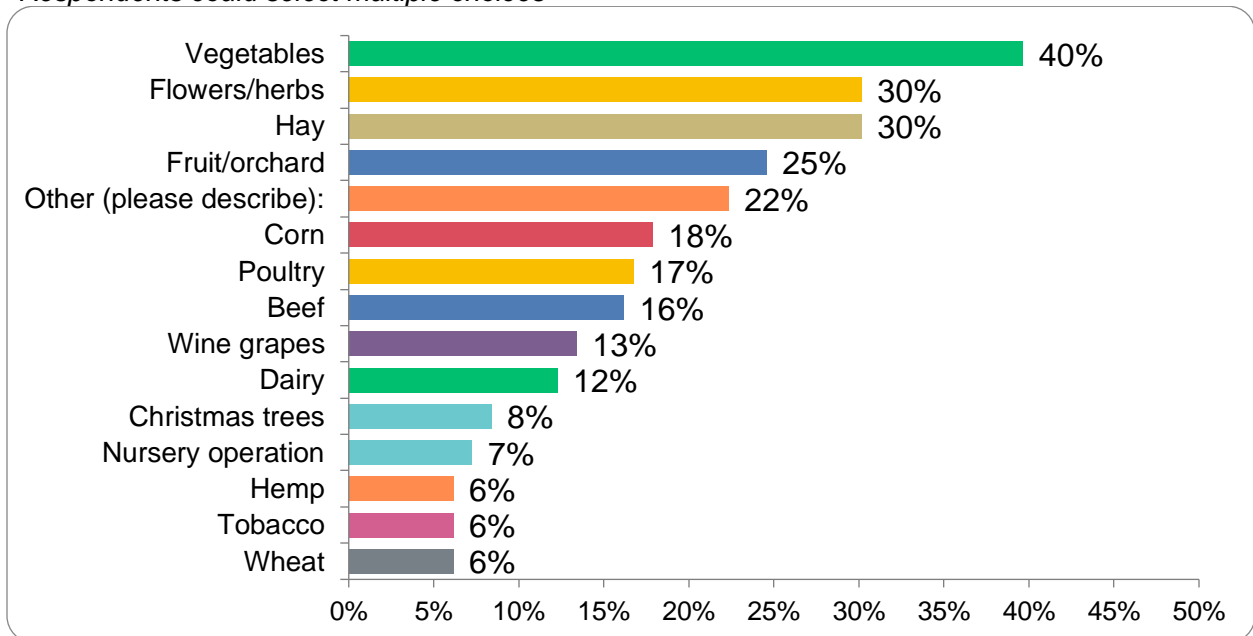


Figure 2 – Primary Farm Product (N=179)

**Respondents could select multiple choices*



Survey Respondent Demographics Compared to USDA Census Data

Table 1 – Age Range (N=179)

Age Bracket	# Survey Respondents	% Total Survey Respondents	% Total CT (USDA 2017 Census) ⁱ
<35	36	21.1%	9.5%
35-44	50	27.9%	9.9%
45-54	33	18.4%	17.1%
55-64	32	17.9%	29.9%
65-74	22	12.3%	20.8%
75+	6	3.4%	10.4%

Table 2 – Gender (N=179)

Gender	# Survey Respondents	% Total Survey Respondents	% Total CT (USDA 2017 Census) ⁱ
Male	92	51.4%	57.6%
Female	66	36.9%	39.8%
Prefer not to say	19	10.6%	
Prefer to self-describe	2	1.1%	

Table 3 – Farm Location by County (N=179)

**Respondents could select multiple choices*

County	# Survey Respondents	% Survey Respondents	% Total CT (USDA 2017 Census) ⁱⁱ
Hartford	37	20.7%	14.2%
Litchfield	33	18.4%	22%
Windham	30	16.8%	11.7%
New Haven	24	13.4%	12.4%
Middlesex	22	12.3%	8%
New London	17	9.5%	14.9%
Tolland	15	8.8%	9.4%
Fairfield	12	6.7%	7.3%

Table 4 – Approximate Gross Revenue from Farm Sales in 2021 (N=179)

Gross Revenue Bracket	# Survey Respondents	% Total Survey Respondents	% Total CT (USDA 2017 Census) ⁱⁱⁱ	Farm Size Based on USDA Classification
Less than \$2,500	30	16.7%	45%	Small
\$2,500-\$4,999	9	5%	14%	
\$5,000-\$9,999	20	11.2%	12%	
\$10,000-\$24,999	20	11.2%	11%	
\$25,000-\$49,999	7	3.9%	6%	Medium
\$50,000-\$99,999	9	5%	4%	
\$100,000-\$249,999	26	14.5%	8%	
\$250,000-\$499,999	11	6.2%		
\$500,000 or more	21	11.7%		Large
Prefer not to say	15	8.4%		
Other	11	6.2%		

Table 5 – Total Acres of Farm Operation Over Past Three Years (N=158)¹

Acres	# Survey Respondents	% Total Survey Respondents	Acres	# Survey Respondents	% Total Survey Respondents
1	13	7.3%	250	1	0.6%
100	9	5%	160		
150	7	3.9%	152		
50			137		
80	6	3.4%	134		
40			114		
10	5	2.8%	110		
120	4	2.2%	101		
30			98		
15			93		
5			88		
350			3		
200	67				
45	65				
20	62				
9	59				
6	57				
2	55				
3000	2	1.1%	46		
500			38		
180			33		
90			32		
70			23		
60			18		
25			17		
22			16		
12			14		
7			13.5		
4			12.5		
3	11				
800	1	0.6%	8		
650			7.44		
575			6.4		
400			6.25		
380			3.5		
313			3.2		
268			1.7		

Other Key Statistics on Farm Acreage

Statistic	Value
Acres Owned (Percent of Total in Operation)	71%
Acres Rented (Percent of Total in Operation)	29%

¹ Some responses were invalid.

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