

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 57,889 acres in 1992 to 56,782 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 148 acres in 1992 to 143 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 178 farms in 1992 to 181 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

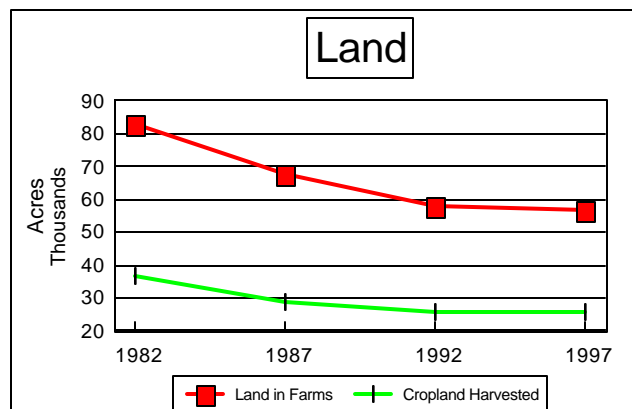
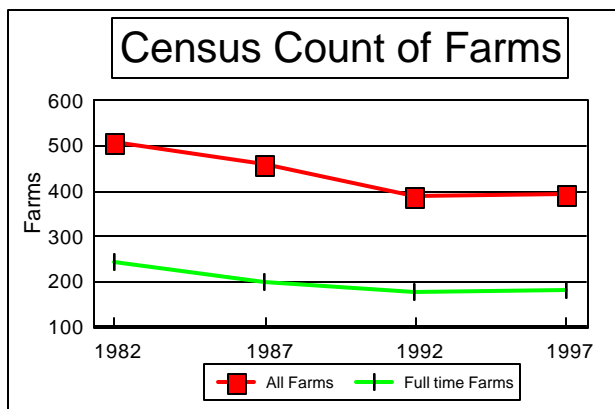
Increased 1 percent to \$15,770,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$39,926 in 1992 to \$39,823 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	15,770	45	61	2,269	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	9,040	44	58	1,932	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	6,730	33	61	1,972	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	4,937	15	56	1,470	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,030	14	61	459	2,790
Dairy products	3,703	47	53	766	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	929	28	59	560	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	909	40	56	1,029	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	7,813	33	56	1,812	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	932	23	56	1,830	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	744	25	55	994	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	39	54	1,127	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	26	47	1,274	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	9,193	43	56	2,223	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	995	42	56	1,208	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	912	29	55	1,018	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	595	38	57	1,346	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	538	28	57	986	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	20,625	39	56	1,007	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,839	43	54	514	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,081	46	53	1,845	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	525	30	59	630	2,741
All nursery-acres	492	29	60	537	2,619

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	222	226	-2
\$10,000 or more .....	174	165	5
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	11,501	13,773	-16
Average per farm .....dollars..	28,898	35,224	-18
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,645	2,136	24
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,647	5,462	22
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	338	336	1
Partnership or corporation .....	54	52	4
Other .....	4	3	33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	181	178	2
Other .....	215	213	1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	361	351	3
Female .....	35	40	-13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	392	391	0
Black and other races .....	4	-	
Average age of operator .....	56.1	54.8	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.