

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



COLUMBIA NEW YORK

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 111,974 acres in 1992 to 114,883 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 231 acres in 1992 to 248 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 298 farms in 1992 to 290 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

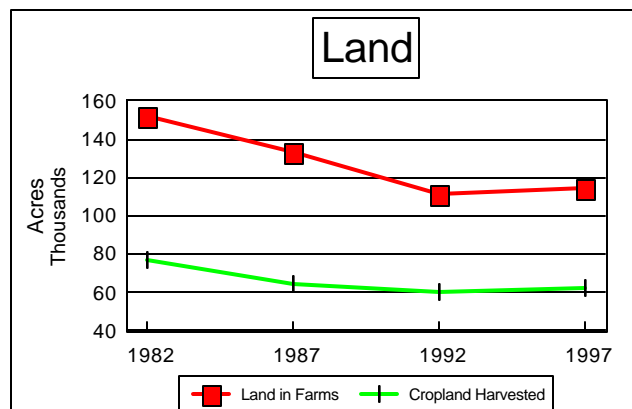
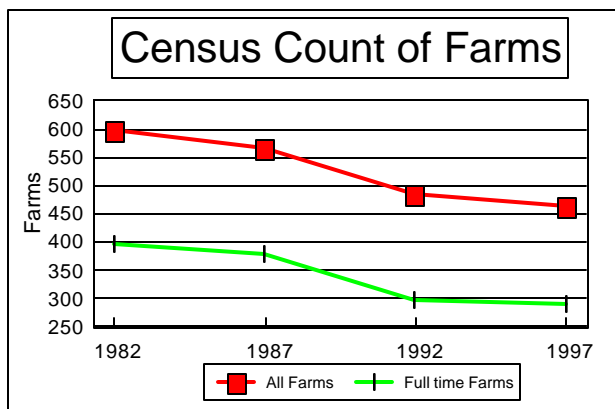
Increased 31 percent to \$72,675,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 36 percent from \$115,011 in 1992 to \$156,627 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	72,675	15	61	792	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	53,752	12	58	463	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	18,923	18	61	1,302	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	26,606	25	53	160	2,563
All other livestock & products	(D)	1	46	3	1,649
Fruits, nuts, berries	8,568	7	57	121	2,547
Cattle and calves	3,314	28	56	1,783	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,242	17	61	536	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	51	53	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	23	54	756	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	9,379	27	56	1,663	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,644	2	55	372	2,765
All goats sold	2,068	1	53	50	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	18	56	664	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	24,063	26	56	1,359	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	4	57	140	2,884
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	11	52	390	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	14	45	351	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	36,111	24	56	506	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	11,427	17	53	1,032	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	10,718	24	54	113	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	3,647	7	56	147	2,693
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,155	15	44	1,551	2,144

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	175	192	-9
\$10,000 or more	289	292	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	55,894	49,296	13
Average per farmdollars..	119,687	101,432	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	18,803	5,696	230
Average per farmdollars..	40,264	11,719	244
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	330	360	-8
Partnership or corporation	129	116	11
Other	5	8	-38
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	290	298	-3
Other	174	186	-6
Operators by sex:			
Male	396	426	-7
Female	68	58	17
Operators by race:			
White	463	480	-4
Black and other races	1	4	-75
Average age of operator	55.6	54.8	1

(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.