

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



## CORTLAND NEW YORK

### Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 138,620 acres in 1992 to 120,838 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 290 acres in 1992 to 267 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 22 percent from 313 farms in 1992 to 245 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

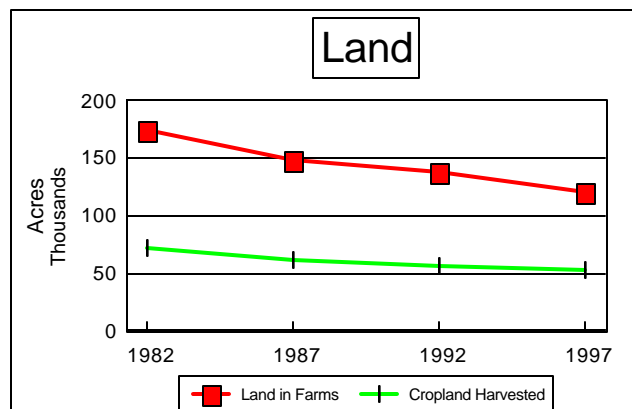
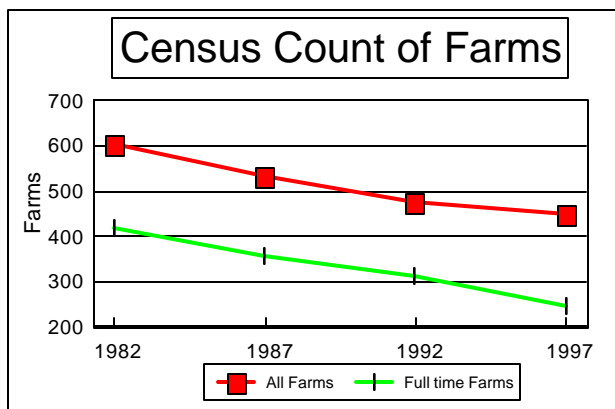
Decreased 13 percent to \$37,447,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 8 percent from \$90,386 in 1992 to \$82,848 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	37,447	35	61	1,505	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	34,382	27	58	777	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,066	49	61	2,364	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	30,540	24	53	139	2,563
Cattle and calves	3,346	27	56	1,779	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,372	30	56	644	3,043
Corn for grain	768	27	51	1,423	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	338	46	59	888	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	11,328	25	56	1,503	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	4,350	1	55	263	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	27	54	935	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	18	51	646	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,104	22	56	1,779	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	29,115	25	56	1,169	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	4,639	26	56	857	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,558	1	55	330	2,864
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	15	45	371	1,790
Broiler inventory	915	7	53	809	2,620
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	37,163	22	56	487	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	10,943	23	54	110	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	5,736	26	53	1,266	2,691
Oats-acres	687	30	51	822	2,332
All nursery-acres	516	28	60	513	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 .....	210	195	8
\$10,000 or more .....	242	283	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	29,617	35,583	-17
Average per farm .....dollars..	65,235	74,441	-12
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,940	7,847	-37
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,881	16,417	-34
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	391	411	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	58	64	-9
Other .....	3	3	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	245	313	-22
Other .....	207	165	25
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	414	433	-4
Female .....	38	45	-16
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	451	477	-5
Black and other races .....	1	1	
Average age of operator .....	53.3	51.7	3

(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.