

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



DELAWARE NEW YORK

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 192,116 acres in 1992 to 183,667 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 268 acres in 1992 to 256 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 481 farms in 1992 to 428 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

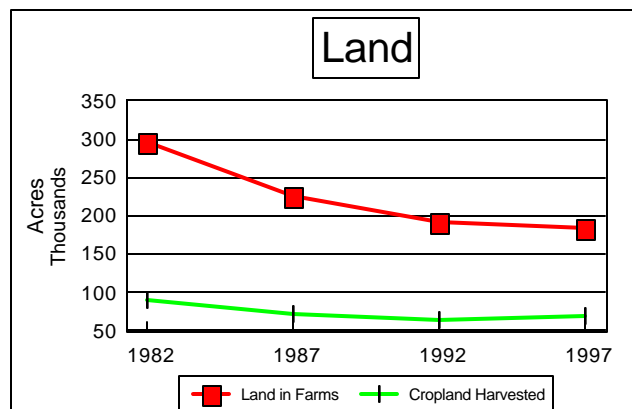
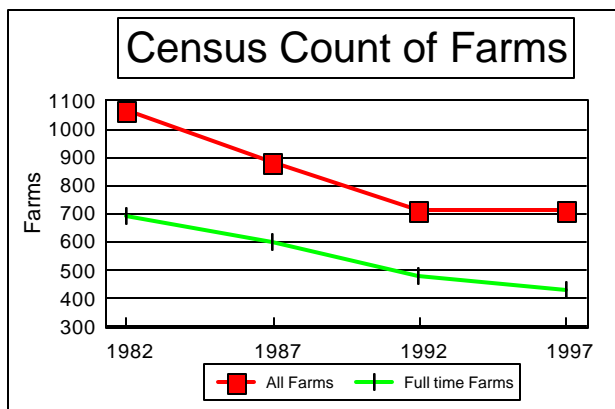
Decreased 15 percent to \$43,498,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 15 percent from \$71,457 in 1992 to \$60,666 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	43,498	31	61	1,343	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	38,652	25	58	700	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,846	37	61	2,139	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	33,828	21	53	128	2,563
Cattle and calves	4,317	16	56	1,575	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,218	12	56	343	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,114	29	61	683	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	237	50	59	996	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	15,705	17	56	1,205	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	25	54	878	2,203
Rabbits and their pelts sold	6,255	1	46	27	1,593
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	807	15	47	983	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	630	30	55	1,108	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	34,685	18	56	969	3,064
Rabbit inventory	6,458	1	54	10	2,456
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,643	36	56	1,007	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,079	15	57	660	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	913	21	57	844	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	62,725	11	56	158	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	8,308	26	54	159	2,473
Maple trees tapped-acres	1,178	9	51	28	427
Corn for grain-acres	718	47	53	1,952	2,691
All nursery-acres	289	42	60	766	2,619

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	336	285	18
\$10,000 or more	381	431	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	33,078	40,940	-19
Average per farmdollars..	46,069	57,099	-19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,316	9,810	-15
Average per farmdollars..	11,582	13,682	-15
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	609	604	1
Partnership or corporation	105	110	-5
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	428	481	-11
Other	289	235	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	637	654	-3
Female	80	62	29
Operators by race:			
White	714	711	0
Black and other races	3	5	-40
Average age of operator	54.4	52.9	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.