

# 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 145,679 acres in 1992 to 143,234 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 146 acres in 1992 to 147 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 556 farms in 1992 to 518 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

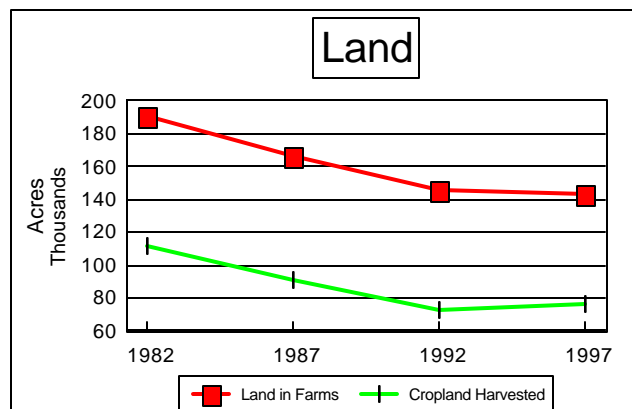
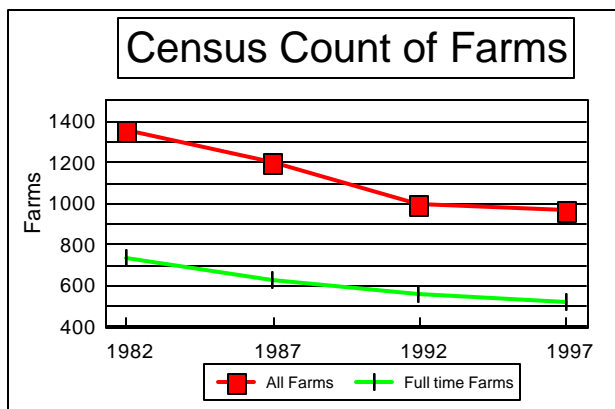
Increased 10 percent to \$77,830,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 12 percent from \$71,263 in 1992 to \$79,990 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	77,830	10	61	728	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	46,740	17	58	562	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	31,091	11	61	909	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	32,600	23	53	132	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	18,655	2	61	115	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	6	55	474	2,901
Cattle and calves	4,171	19	56	1,598	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,868	16	59	227	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	3	54	258	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	2	47	647	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	13,495	19	56	1,332	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	4	47	399	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	3,384	11	51	477	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	4	56	182	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	4	45	171	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	2	52	179	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	29,719	23	56	1,140	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	2	53	625	2,620
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	42,649	19	56	377	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	12,570	19	54	85	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	10,917	19	53	1,050	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	3,095	16	59	205	2,741
All nursery-acres	2,537	5	60	100	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 .....	515	537	-4
\$10,000 or more .....	458	458	
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	65,126	61,592	6
Average per farm .....dollars..	66,933	61,901	8
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	9,197	9,228	-0
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,452	9,275	2
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	843	864	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	126	124	2
Other .....	4	7	-43
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	518	556	-7
Other .....	455	439	4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	870	888	-2
Female .....	103	107	-4
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	969	994	-3
Black and other races .....	4	1	300
Average age of operator .....	53.8	53.8	

(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.