

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



HERKIMER NEW YORK

Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 163,072 acres in 1992 to 141,847 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 256 acres in 1992 to 243 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 447 farms in 1992 to 394 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

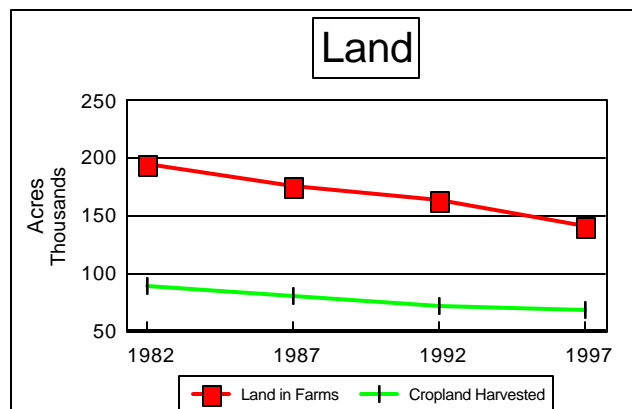
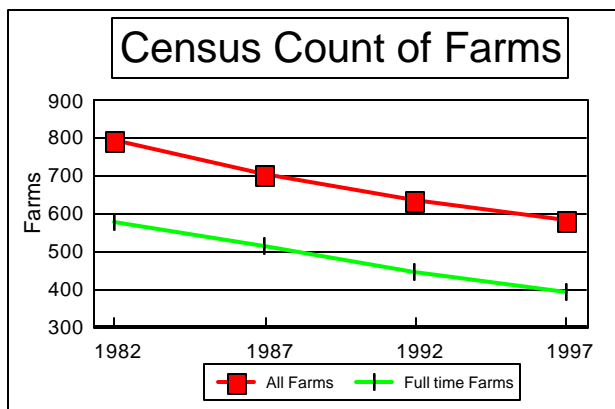
Decreased 10 percent to \$45,824,000 in 1997.

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 1 percent from \$79,673 in 1992 to \$78,600 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	45,824	29	61	1,290	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	42,196	20	58	629	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,628	44	61	2,277	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	37,739	16	53	110	2,563
Cattle and calves	3,972	20	56	1,642	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,496	25	56	577	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	802	45	61	1,080	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	478	37	59	762	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	15,895	16	56	1,193	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,250	12	47	896	1,882
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	4	21	50	611
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	642	31	54	1,029	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	495	36	55	1,250	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	36,235	16	56	918	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	3,950	3	54	150	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,509	30	56	915	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	9	53	824	2,620
Sheep and lamb inventory	691	35	55	1,196	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	51,715	15	56	242	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	13,450	18	54	78	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	5,362	28	53	1,294	2,691
Oats-acres	1,657	16	51	431	2,332
Land used for vegetables-acres	408	36	59	714	2,741

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	222	195	14
\$10,000 or more	361	441	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	34,328	38,404	-11
Average per farmdollars..	58,681	60,383	-3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,604	11,281	-33
Average per farmdollars..	12,999	17,737	-27
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	501	541	-7
Partnership or corporation	81	90	-10
Other	1	5	-80
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	394	447	-12
Other	189	189	
Operators by sex:			
Male	532	596	-11
Female	51	40	28
Operators by race:			
White	578	636	-9
Black and other races	5	-	
Average age of operator	53.5	52.3	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.