

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



## MONTGOMERY NEW YORK

### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 138,822 acres in 1992 to 134,940 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 259 acres in 1992 to 249 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 385 farms in 1992 to 366 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

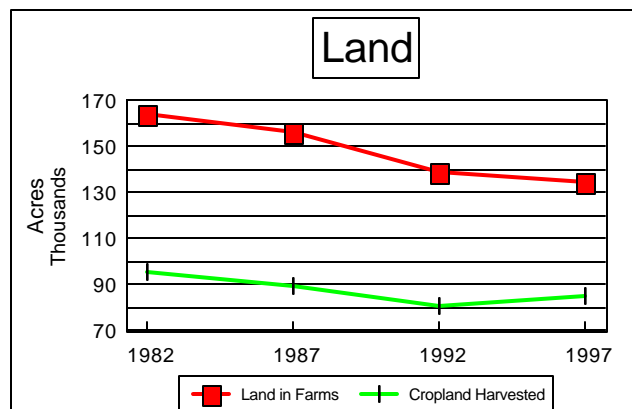
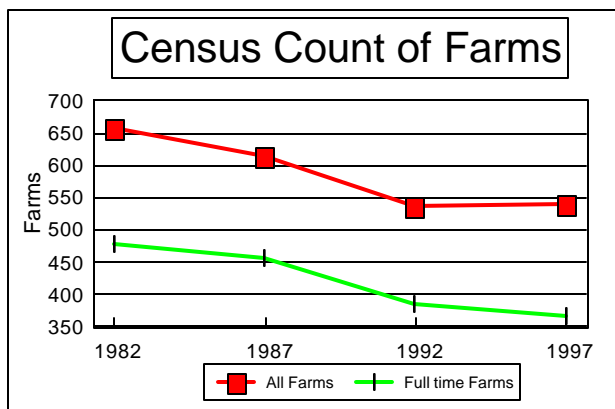
Decreased 2 percent to \$48,723,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 2 percent from \$92,196 in 1992 to \$89,894 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	48,723	26	61	1,230	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	40,945	21	58	648	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,778	29	61	1,903	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	36,830	19	53	117	2,563
Cattle and calves	3,734	23	56	1,695	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,125	6	56	221	3,043
Corn for grain	2,376	15	51	1,057	2,582
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	14	55	542	2,237
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	12,853	20	56	1,381	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	5	47	754	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	745	24	55	993	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	10	46	308	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	371	35	56	2,179	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	33,078	20	56	1,028	3,064
Broiler inventory	3,840	4	53	661	2,620
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	10	54	333	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,133	21	55	860	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	708	33	57	1,147	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	58,480	12	56	195	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	16,619	12	54	49	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	11,015	18	53	1,046	2,691
Oats-acres	1,592	18	51	446	2,332
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,359	13	44	1,511	2,144

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 .....	206	154	34
\$10,000 or more .....	336	383	-12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	36,983	39,057	-5
Average per farm .....dollars..	68,235	72,596	-6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,423	10,523	-20
Average per farm .....dollars..	15,540	19,560	-21
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	469	458	2
Partnership or corporation .....	73	78	-6
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	366	385	-5
Other .....	176	152	16
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	476	489	-3
Female .....	66	48	38
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	540	535	1
Black and other races .....	2	2	
Average age of operator .....	53.6	52.7	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.