

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



OSWEGO NEW YORK

Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 112,334 acres in 1992 to 102,537 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 170 acres in 1992 to 169 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 342 farms in 1992 to 315 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

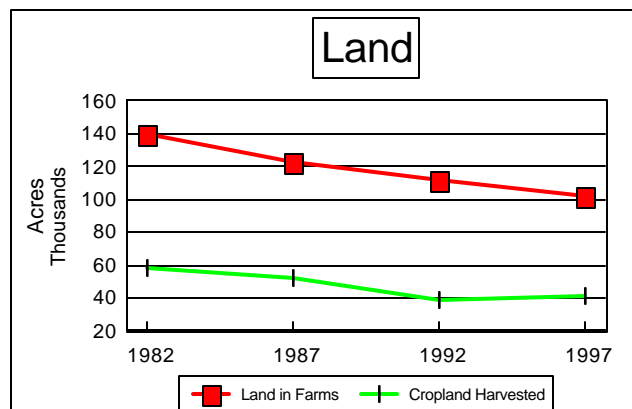
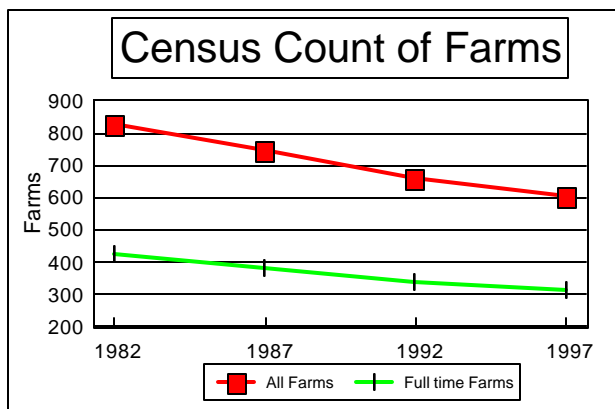
Increased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$47,487 in 1992 to \$51,991 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	31,454	38	61	1,677	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	17,796	19	61	1,359	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	13,659	40	58	1,605	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	11,322	7	59	97	2,739
Dairy products	10,948	38	53	348	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,582	24	61	611	2,790
Cattle and calves	2,136	41	56	2,113	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,156	20	57	294	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,028	38	56	2,002	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	3,281	5	46	69	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	1,697	18	56	1,623	2,976
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	6	11	136	191
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	230	29	51	1,130	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	14,901	37	56	1,807	3,064
Rabbit inventory	1,614	4	54	41	2,456
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,069	16	56	1,579	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	805	18	57	781	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	791	29	57	1,010	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	26,380	34	56	773	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	5,340	38	54	285	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	4,754	31	53	1,335	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	3,543	14	59	185	2,741
All nursery-acres	889	14	60	334	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	335	378	-11
\$10,000 or more	270	281	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,615	27,077	-20
Average per farmdollars..	35,610	41,089	-13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,207	4,261	69
Average per farmdollars..	11,873	6,466	84
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	546	607	-10
Partnership or corporation	57	49	16
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	315	342	-8
Other	290	317	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	525	574	-9
Female	80	85	-6
Operators by race:			
White	604	656	-8
Black and other races	1	3	-67
Average age of operator	53.9	53.1	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.