

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



## OTSEGO NEW YORK

### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 218,306 acres in 1992 to 206,985 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 252 acres in 1992 to 239 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 572 farms in 1992 to 550 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

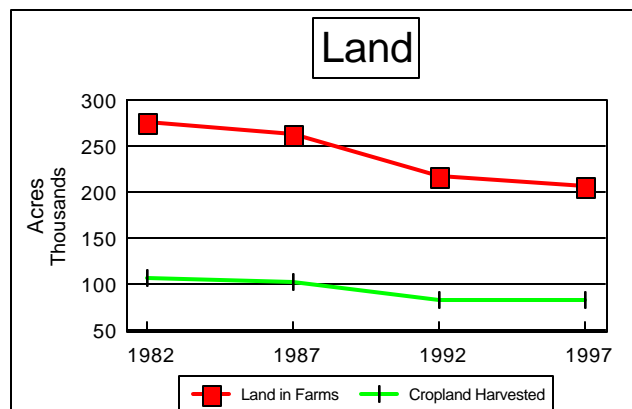
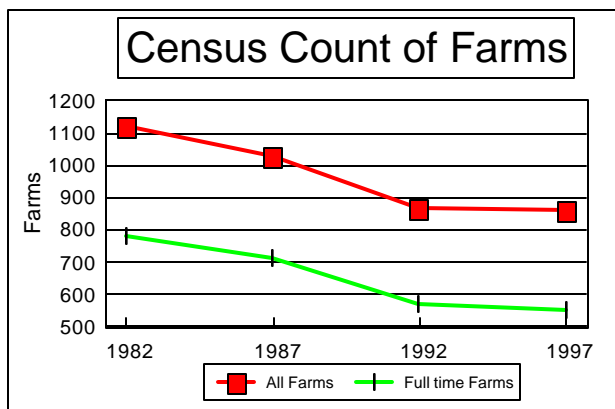
Decreased 11 percent to \$51,612,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 11 percent from \$67,178 in 1992 to \$59,667 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	51,612	25	61	1,164	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	47,163	16	58	557	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,449	39	61	2,181	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	40,574	13	53	97	2,563
Cattle and calves	5,605	11	56	1,377	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,972	20	56	407	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,554	35	61	794	2,790
Horses and ponies	556	8	56	231	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	19	54	720	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	17,940	13	56	1,093	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	2	11	99	191
Sheep and lambs sold	1,371	12	55	644	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	11	46	319	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	40,355	13	56	816	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	8	52	320	2,549
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,817	12	55	597	2,864
Mink inventory	(D)	2	10	98	239
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,470	39	56	1,035	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	68,385	6	56	130	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	14,511	16	54	66	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	5,635	27	53	1,271	2,691
Maple trees tapped-acres	1,416	7	51	21	427
Oats-acres	1,052	24	51	628	2,332

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 .....	427	380	12
\$10,000 or more .....	438	487	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	39,312	47,286	-17
Average per farm .....dollars..	45,447	54,477	-17
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,899	10,533	-16
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,288	12,135	-15
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	754	753	0
Partnership or corporation .....	108	114	-5
Other .....	3	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	550	572	-4
Other .....	315	295	7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	780	776	1
Female .....	85	91	-7
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	863	865	-0
Black and other races .....	2	2	
Average age of operator .....	54.7	53.1	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.