

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



RENSSELAER NEW YORK

Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 92,683 acres in 1992 to 98,965 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 209 acres in 1992 to 216 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 243 farms in 1992 to 232 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

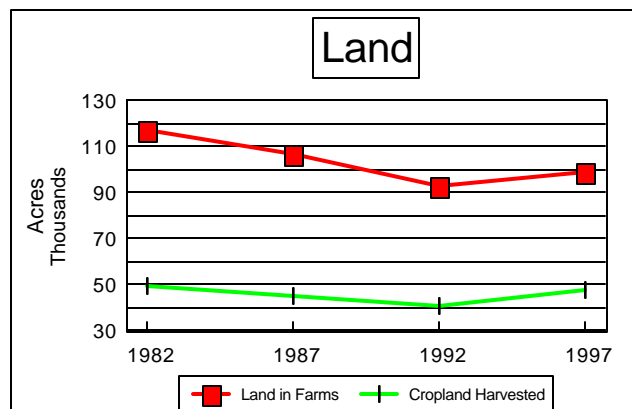
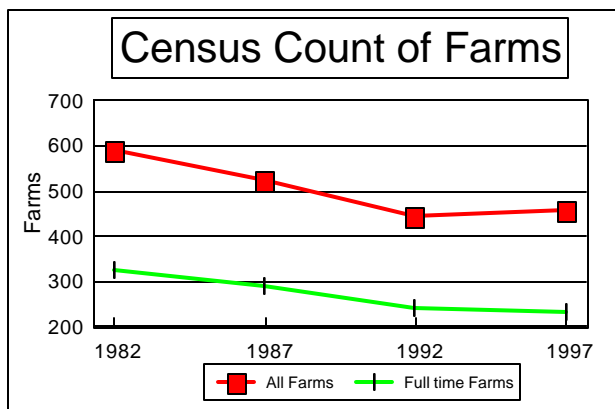
Increased 9 percent to \$28,700,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$59,261 in 1992 to \$62,528 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	28,700	40	61	1,782	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	19,088	38	58	1,298	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,612	26	61	1,784	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	16,376	32	53	252	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,948	9	61	396	2,790
Cattle and calves	2,227	40	56	2,081	3,063
Corn for grain	1,959	18	51	1,119	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,265	24	59	482	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,215	37	56	1,977	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold (D)		3	46	55	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	2,579	15	56	1,467	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,186	16	55	725	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	227	25	47	1,223	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	16,597	36	56	1,719	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	5,876	25	56	842	3,002
Rabbit inventory (D)		3	54	23	2,456
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,581	13	55	658	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,131	15	56	1,552	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	27,077	32	56	747	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	11,455	16	53	1,030	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	8,177	27	54	163	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,172	22	59	409	2,741
All nursery-acres	694	22	60	411	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	251	224	12
\$10,000 or more	208	220	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	23,375	19,600	19
Average per farmdollars..	50,706	44,144	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,830	4,684	3
Average per farmdollars..	10,477	10,551	-1
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	385	377	2
Partnership or corporation	71	66	8
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	232	243	-5
Other	227	201	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	399	399	
Female	60	45	33
Operators by race:			
White	459	444	3
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.7	53.7	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.