

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



ULSTER NEW YORK

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 69,643 acres in 1992 to 68,989 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 161 acres in 1992 to 169 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 248 farms in 1992 to 234 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

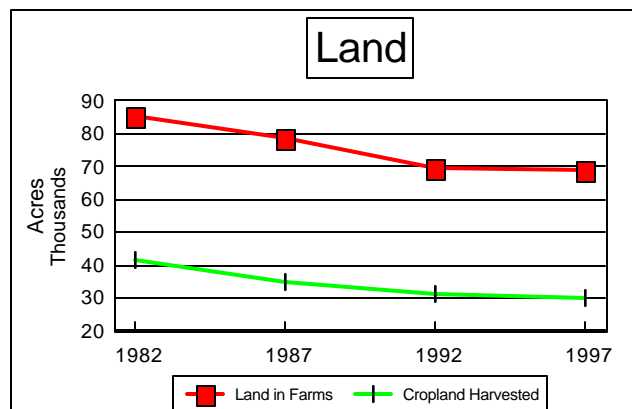
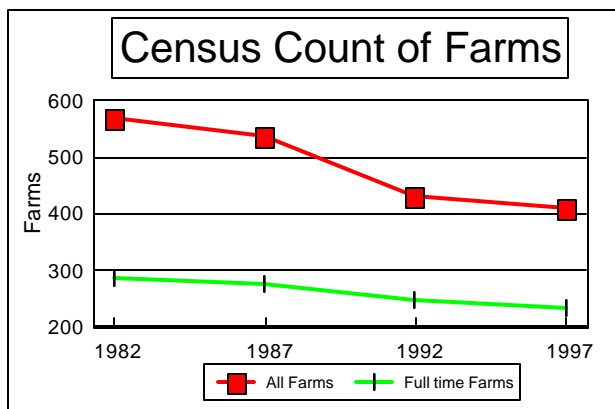
Decreased 17 percent to \$42,278,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 88 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 12 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 12 percent from \$117,564 in 1992 to \$103,368 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	42,278	32	61	1,379	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	36,998	10	61	785	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,280	50	58	2,329	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	26,824	2	57	71	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,331	13	59	207	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,251	13	61	442	2,790
Dairy products	2,094	49	53	1,036	2,563
Horses and ponies	1,410	3	56	69	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	7,258	8	51	331	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	3,531	11	56	1,360	2,976
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	3	21	31	611
Cattle and calves sold	1,322	49	56	2,768	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,321	11	47	886	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	8,841	6	57	171	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	5,275	48	56	2,549	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,315	32	56	930	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,147	10	56	1,320	3,005
Broiler inventory	1,471	5	53	735	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	13,082	47	56	1,423	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	9,475	3	56	82	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	3,250	15	59	197	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	1,732	42	53	1,690	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	1,634	48	54	791	2,473

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	213	226	-6
\$10,000 or more	196	207	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	32,361	43,417	-25
Average per farmdollars..	78,546	100,502	-22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,925	6,630	35
Average per farmdollars..	21,662	15,347	41
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	312	342	-9
Partnership or corporation	94	88	7
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	234	248	-6
Other	175	185	-5
Operators by sex:			
Male	350	385	-9
Female	59	48	23
Operators by race:			
White	406	430	-6
Black and other races	3	3	
Average age of operator	55.6	55.1	1

(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.