

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



WASHINGTON NEW YORK

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 205,954 acres in 1992 to 194,962 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 276 acres in 1992 to 264 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 513 farms in 1992 to 478 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

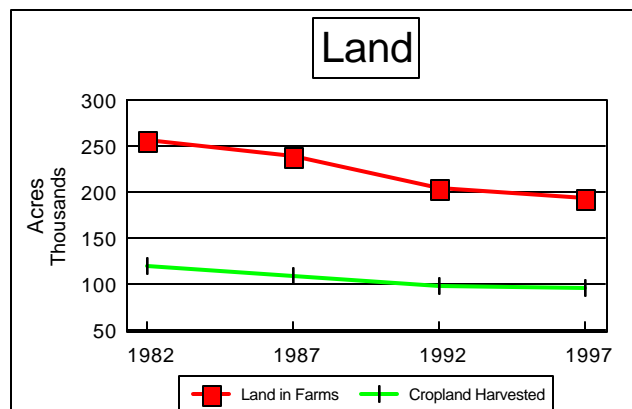
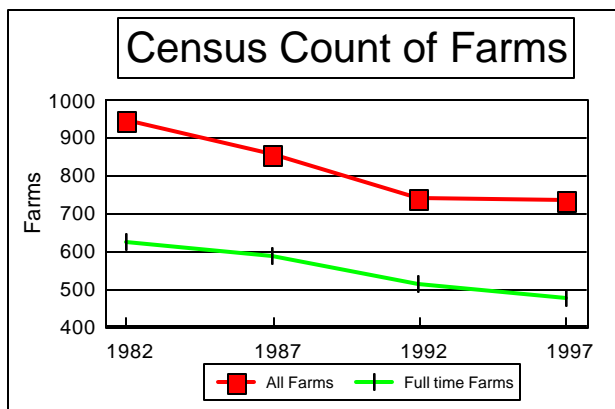
Decreased 5 percent to \$77,544,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 4 percent from \$109,078 in 1992 to \$105,073 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	77,544	11	61	731	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	67,382	5	58	341	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,162	25	61	1,742	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	57,368	5	53	55	2,563
Cattle and calves	6,998	7	56	1,184	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,150	5	56	218	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,913	21	61	565	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	11	55	805	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	11	54	482	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	22,384	6	56	878	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,150	10	56	1,298	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,543	8	55	585	2,765
All goats sold	151	14	53	650	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	6	56	274	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	51,189	8	56	585	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,408	5	55	457	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	2,270	6	54	265	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	913	21	57	844	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	63,250	10	56	155	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	26,443	3	54	18	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	8,386	22	53	1,138	2,691
Maple trees tapped-acres	1,496	6	51	19	427
Land used for vegetables-acres	731	27	59	541	2,741

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	292	263	11
\$10,000 or more	446	482	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	61,313	67,196	-9
Average per farmdollars..	82,632	90,196	-8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,028	12,801	-14
Average per farmdollars..	14,863	17,182	-13
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	594	607	-2
Partnership or corporation	140	137	2
Other	4	1	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	478	513	-7
Other	260	232	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	660	698	-5
Female	78	47	66
Operators by race:			
White	732	741	-1
Black and other races	6	4	50
Average age of operator	53.2	52.7	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.