

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New York Agricultural Statistics Service



CHAUTAUQUA NEW YORK

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 259,540 acres in 1992 to 244,921 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 155 acres in 1992 to 157 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 998 farms in 1992 to 872 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

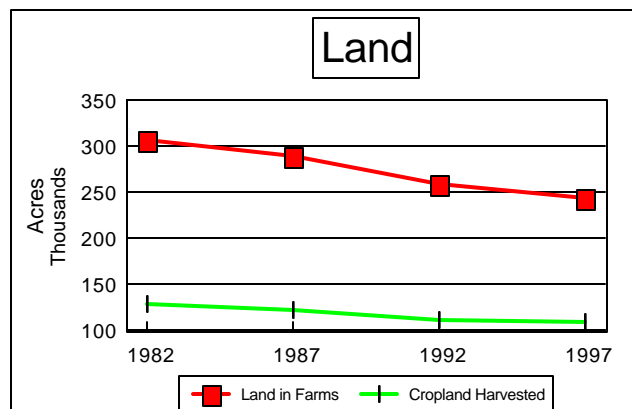
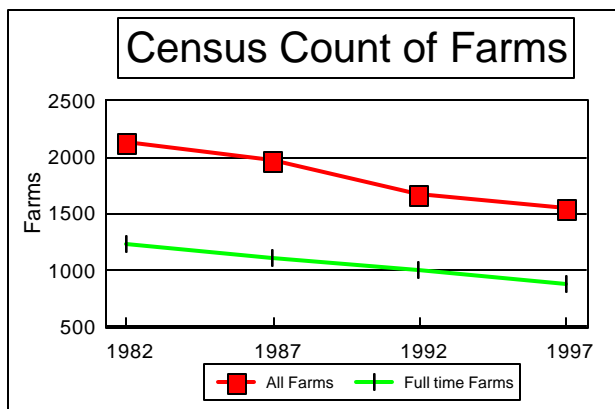
Increased slightly

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 8 percent from \$52,632 in 1992 to \$56,951 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	88,673	7	61	613	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	59,498	7	58	397	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	29,175	12	61	962	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	52,320	7	53	69	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	19,901	3	57	86	2,547
Cattle and calves	6,498	9	56	1,251	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,234	18	61	538	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,627	18	59	300	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	21,719	7	56	909	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	6	46	97	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	1,631	20	56	1,634	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	698	17	47	1,011	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	10	47	465	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	52,037	6	56	566	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	2,240	7	54	270	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,589	37	56	1,015	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	1,457	4	57	396	3,066
Rabbit inventory	(D)	5	54	56	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	72,279	4	56	110	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	17,152	2	56	54	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	16,780	11	54	48	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	7,383	23	53	1,179	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,661	18	59	235	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	748	729	3
\$10,000 or more	809	950	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	68,151	69,950	-3
Average per farmdollars..	43,771	41,661	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	17,945	16,721	7
Average per farmdollars..	11,526	9,959	16
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,385	1,516	-9
Partnership or corporation	164	160	3
Other	8	3	167
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	872	998	-13
Other	685	681	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,399	1,530	-9
Female	158	149	6
Operators by race:			
White	1,544	1,672	-8
Black and other races	13	7	86
Average age of operator	54.2	53.4	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.