

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Cortland, New York

### Number of farms

569 farms in 2002, 538 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Land in farms

127,052 acres in 2002, 128,620 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

223 acres in 2002, 239 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$39,708,000 in 2002, \$37,054,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,495,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$36,213,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

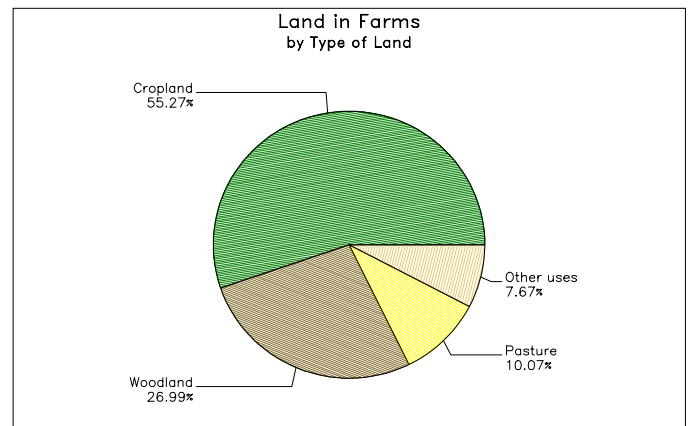
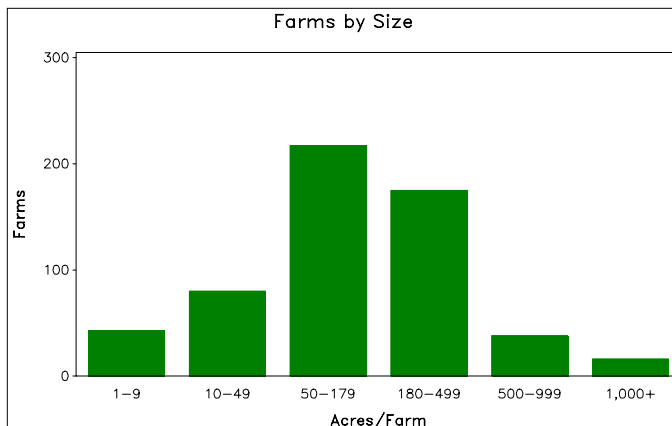
\$69,786 in 2002, \$68,874 in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,949,000 in 2002, \$391,000 in 1997, up 398 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,154 in 2002, \$2,772 in 1997, up 266 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 62 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	39,708	35	61	1,437	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,495	50	61	2,264	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	36,213	24	59	805	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	573	37	52	1,958	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	233	52	58	1,305	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	206	38	58	885	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	942	45	61	1,123	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	55	39	53	612	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,487	35	56	879	3,046
Poultry and eggs	10	51	57	1,993	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,028	33	54	1,903	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	32,795	24	52	141	2,493
Hogs and pigs	32	33	55	1,867	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	118	19	55	714	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	155	32	57	1,360	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	75	35	55	978	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	27,626	25	55	1,131	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,379	14	56	473	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,423	37	58	1,152	2,983
Horses and ponies	910	39	58	1,417	3,065
All Goats	433	33	56	1,128	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	40,563	24	57	468	3,059
Corn for silage	8,038	26	52	207	2,307
Corn for grain	4,247	30	51	1,342	2,592
Short-rotation woody crops	529	12	56	110	1,262
Soybeans	444	29	46	1,684	2,076

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	165
\$1,000 to \$2,499	58
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50
\$5,000 to \$9,999	48
\$10,000 to \$19,999	47
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	48
\$100,000 to \$249,999	80
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15
\$500,000 or more	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	32,731
Average per farm (\$)	57,523
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,561
Average per farm (\$)	15,046

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	334
Other	235
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	494
Female	75
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.4
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	833
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	3
More than one race	4
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	17

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.