2002 Census of Agriculture
County Profile

Essex, New York

Number of farms
236 farms in 2002, 248 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms
55,022 acres in 2002, 53,319 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm
233 acres in 2002, 215 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production
$8,632,000 in 2002, $8,212,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.
   Crop sales accounted for $3,729,000 of the total value in 2002.
   Livestock sales accounted for $4,903,000 of the total value in 2002.
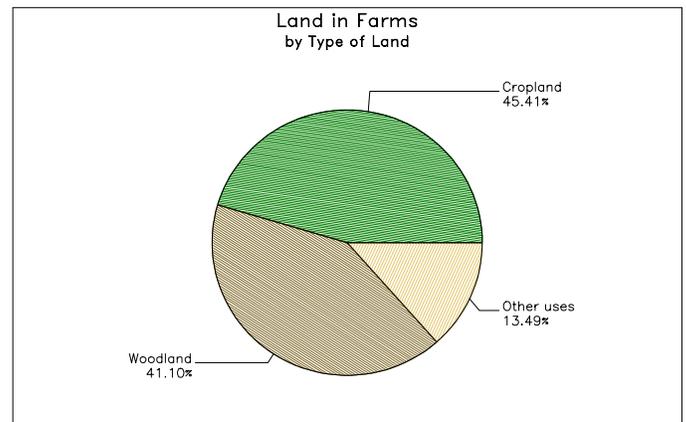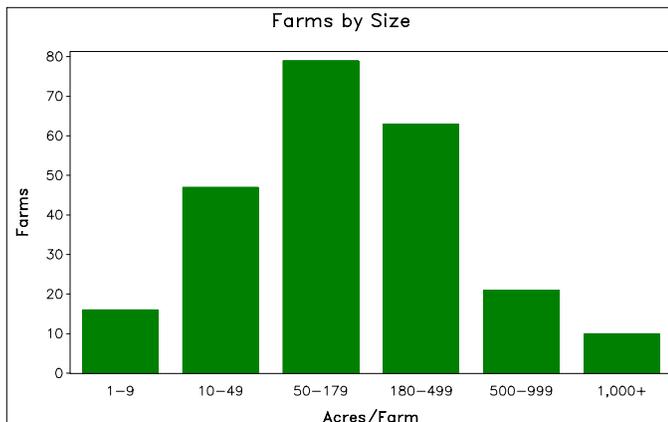
Market Value of Production, average per farm
$36,578 in 2002, $33,111 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Government Payments
$365,000 in 2002, $54,000 in 1997, up 576 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments
$9,346 in 2002, $1,995 in 1997, up 368 percent.

Farms by Size

Land in Farms
by Type of Land

Cropland 45.41%
Other uses 13.49%
Woodland 41.10%

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe [1]	U.S. Rank	Universe [1]
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD ($1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	8,632	50	61	2,571	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,729	49	61	2,236	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,903	50	59	2,357	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	871	36	58	805	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	628	25	58	465	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	565	54	61	1,367	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,378	39	56	949	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5	52	57	2,209	2,918
Cattle and calves	542	49	54	2,733	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,241	47	52	699	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3	53	55	2,631	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	53	55	2,392	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	85	46	57	1,912	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	19	44	55	1,564	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,156	47	55	2,505	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	760	52	58	1,600	2,983
Horses and ponies	572	50	58	2,002	3,065
All Goats	400	36	56	1,209	2,971
Sheep and lambs	150	52	56	2,092	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,493	46	57	1,399	3,059
Corn for silage	2,903	42	52	582	2,307
Apples	317	20	57	152	2,173
Short-rotation woody crops	280	23	56	221	1,262
All Vegetables harvested	234	42	58	896	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	53
$1,000 to $2,499	35
$2,500 to $4,999	27
$5,000 to $9,999	23
$10,000 to $19,999	25
$20,000 to $24,999	6
$25,000 to $39,999	13
$40,000 to $49,999	12
$50,000 to $99,999	18
$100,000 to $249,999	15
$250,000 to $499,999	7
$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	9,050
Average per farm ($)	38,676
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	127
Average per farm ($)	543

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	116
Other	120
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	199
Female	37
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.5
All operators [2] by race:	
White	349
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators [2] of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.
[1] Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.
[2] Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.