

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Niagara, New York

Number of farms

801 farms in 2002, 855 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

148,041 acres in 2002, 139,031 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

185 acres in 2002, 163 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$59,906,000 in 2002, \$60,116,000 in 1997, down slightly.

Crop sales accounted for \$39,764,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$20,143,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

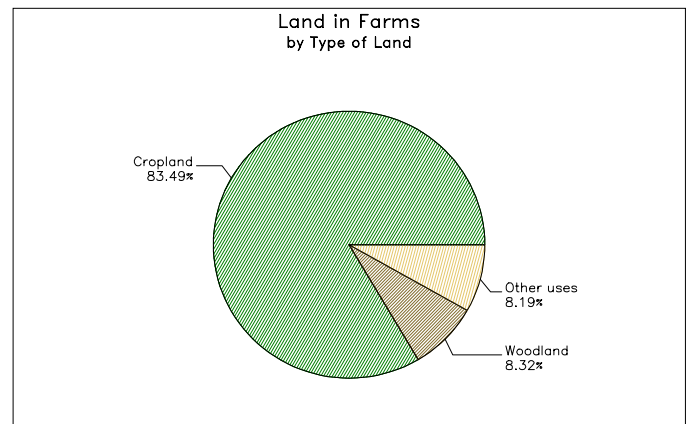
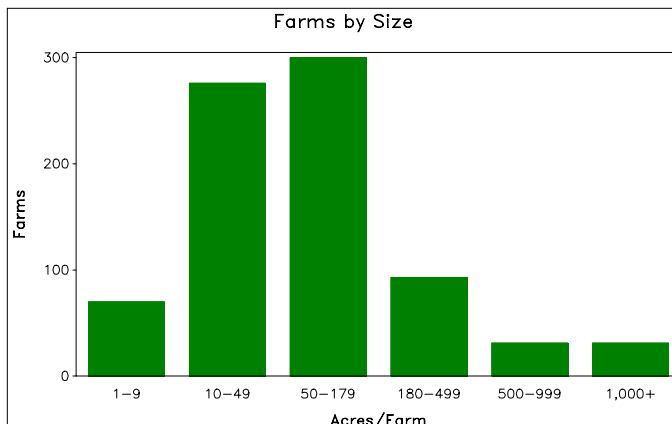
\$74,789 in 2002, \$70,311 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,471,000 in 2002, \$1,229,000 in 1997, up 101 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,441 in 2002, \$4,726 in 1997, up 142 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, New York Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	59,906	21	61	957	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	39,764	8	61	637	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	20,143	37	59	1,291	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	7,815	9	52	1,077	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	13,456	8	58	133	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	11,770	5	58	107	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,655	18	61	553	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	448	18	57	1,075	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,717	30	54	1,749	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	15,572	35	52	268	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	53	37	55	1,213	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	124	35	57	1,573	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	17	58	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	17,584	33	55	1,576	3,059
Pheasants	3,609	6	45	122	1,541
Horses and ponies	1,698	17	58	620	3,065
Colonies of bees	(D)	14	54	(D)	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	31,840	30	57	673	3,059
Corn for grain	24,988	4	51	728	2,592
All Wheat for grain	8,532	6	44	698	2,517
Soybeans	7,145	6	46	1,119	2,076
Corn for silage	7,058	29	52	247	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	237	Farming	483
\$1,000 to \$2,499	91	Other	318
\$2,500 to \$4,999	71		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	62	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	94	Male	688
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Female	113
\$25,000 to \$39,999	47		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	50	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18	White	1,180
\$500,000 or more	28	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	54,202	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Average per farm (\$)	67,165	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,880	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	14,722	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.