

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Suffolk, New York

### Number of farms

651 farms in 2002, 721 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Land in farms

34,127 acres in 2002, 40,095 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

### Average size of farm

52 acres in 2002, 56 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$201,182,000 in 2002, \$178,435,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$177,703,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$23,478,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

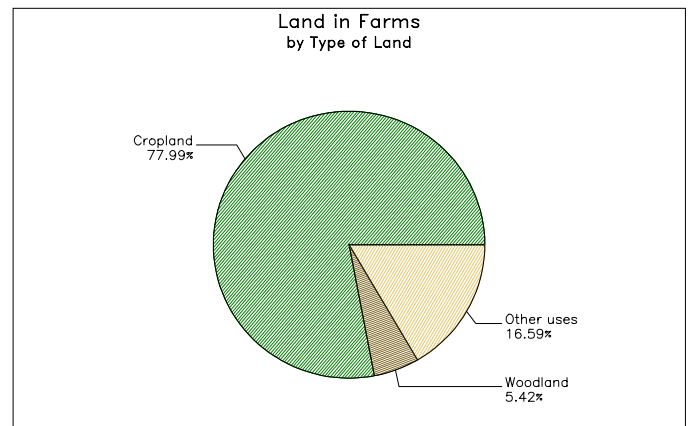
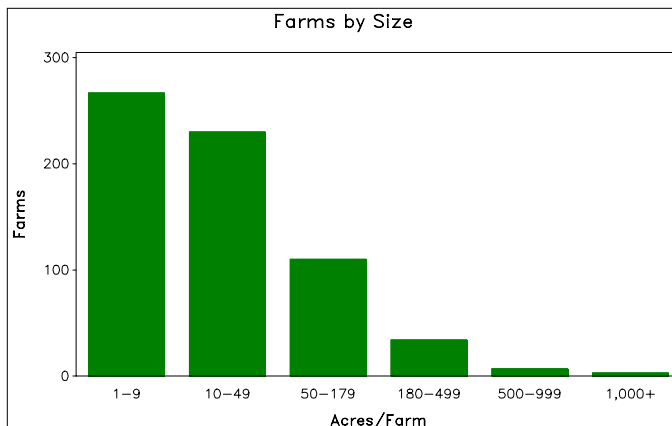
\$309,035 in 2002, \$247,483 in 1997, up 25 percent.

### Government Payments

\$147,000 in 2002, \$147,000 in 1997, unchanged.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,968 in 2002, \$2,781 in 1997, up 43 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                   | 201,182  | 1          | 61                    | 151       | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse             | 177,703  | 1          | 61                    | 55        | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products             | 23,478   | 34         | 59                    | 1,160     | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>          |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                   | 413      | 41         | 52                    | 2,047     | 2,871                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | 1                     | -         | 560                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                       | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 656                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes            | 23,651   | 3          | 58                    | 88        | 2,747                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries                              | 9,274    | 7          | 58                    | 119       | 2,638                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                  | 142,994  | 1          | 61                    | 16        | 2,708                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops          | 1,293    | 1          | 53                    | 44        | 1,774                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 78       | 53         | 56                    | 2,838     | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | 15,052   | 2          | 57                    | 357       | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 98       | 51         | 54                    | 2,972     | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                     | -        | -          | 52                    | -         | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)      | (D)        | 55                    | (D)       | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products                            | 14       | 52         | 55                    | 2,116     | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                  | 528      | 8          | 57                    | 357       | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | 7,740    | 1          | 40                    | 36        | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                     | (D)      | (D)        | 55                    | (D)       | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>               |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Ducks   | (D)      | 1          | 55                    | (D)       | 2,630                 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens                       | (D)      | 3          | 54                    | (D)       | 2,599                 |
| Pheasants   | (D)      | 4          | 45                    | (D)       | 1,541                 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older                               | 3,544    | 25         | 58                    | 848       | 2,983                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 1,391    | 22         | 58                    | 849       | 3,065                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>                               |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| All Vegetables harvested                                    | 5,149    | 10         | 58                    | 140       | 2,710                 |
| Potatoes  | 3,248    | 3          | 54                    | 71        | 1,551                 |
| Nursery stock   | (D)      | 1          | 58                    | (D)       | 2,129                 |
| Sod harvested   | 3,043    | 1          | 7                     | 19        | 740                   |
| Grapes  | 2,282    | 3          | 43                    | 36        | 1,830                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 120      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 58       |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 40       |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 40       |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 52       |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 29       |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 49       |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 12       |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 61       |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 69       |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 39       |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 82       |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 176,443  |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 270,618  |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 27,465   |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 42,124   |

| Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Farming   | 409      |
| Other   | 242      |
| Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| Male  | 524      |
| Female  | 127      |
| Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 53.1     |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| White   | 1,049    |
| Black or African American   | 5        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 3        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| Asian   | 8        |
| More than one race  | -        |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 39       |

(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.