

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Washington, New York

### Number of farms

887 farms in 2002, 875 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Land in farms

206,148 acres in 2002, 203,646 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

232 acres in 2002, 233 acres in 1997, down slightly.

### Market Value of Production

\$81,970,000 in 2002, \$77,598,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,866,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$70,104,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

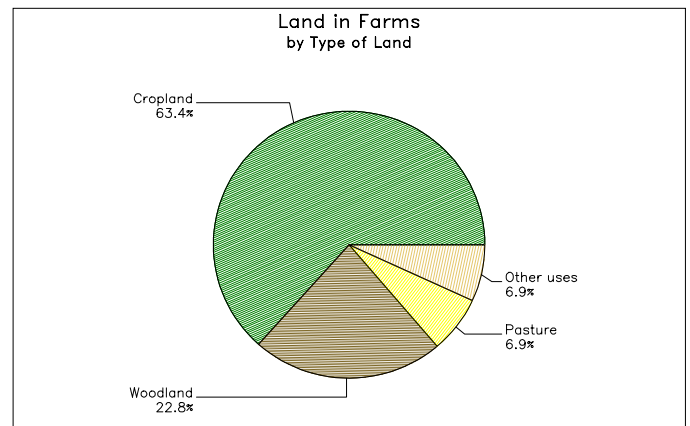
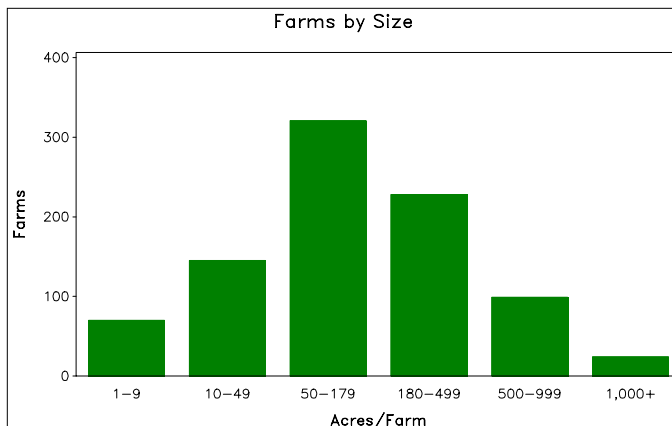
\$92,413 in 2002, \$88,683 in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,468,000 in 2002, \$650,000 in 1997, up 587 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,860 in 2002, \$3,989 in 1997, up 323 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                               | 81,970   | 14         | 61                    | 678       | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 11,866   | 26         | 61                    | 1,540     | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 70,104   | 6          | 59                    | 356       | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | 2,107    | 19         | 52                    | 1,544     | 2,871                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | 1                     | -         | 560                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 656                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                        | 4,018    | 20         | 58                    | 355       | 2,747                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | 763      | 24         | 58                    | 415       | 2,638                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                              | 1,242    | 40         | 61                    | 1,000     | 2,708                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                      | 260      | 18         | 53                    | 211       | 1,774                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 3,478    | 10         | 56                    | 350       | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | 199      | 23         | 57                    | 1,202     | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 7,828    | 9          | 54                    | 1,171     | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | 61,170   | 5          | 52                    | 54        | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)      | (D)        | 55                    | (D)       | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | 260      | 3          | 55                    | 335       | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 168      | 30         | 57                    | 1,276     | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | (D)      | (D)        | 40                    | (D)       | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | 408      | 7          | 55                    | 341       | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cattle and calves   | 53,108   | 5          | 55                    | 515       | 3,059                 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens                                   | 3,750    | 6          | 54                    | 698       | 2,599                 |
| Sheep and lambs   | 3,251    | 4          | 56                    | 345       | 2,867                 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older   | 2,996    | 27         | 58                    | 883       | 2,983                 |
| Colonies of bees  | 2,675    | 5          | 54                    | 227       | 2,392                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 73,013   | 5          | 57                    | 107       | 3,059                 |
| Corn for silage   | 25,243   | 4          | 52                    | 28        | 2,307                 |
| Corn for grain  | 7,355    | 20         | 51                    | 1,141     | 2,592                 |
| All Vegetables harvested  | 1,100    | 22         | 58                    | 410       | 2,710                 |
| Sweet corn  | 670      | 18         | 57                    | 166       | 2,279                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 209      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 81       |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 74       |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 76       |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 70       |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 24       |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 65       |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 25       |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 67       |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 107      |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 62       |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 27       |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 78,598   |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 88,313   |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 11,967   |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 13,447   |

| Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Farming   | 547      |
| Other   | 340      |
| Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| Male  | 724      |
| Female  | 163      |
| Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 53.4     |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| White   | 1,418    |
| Black or African American   | 5        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 2        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| Asian   | -        |
| More than one race  | 4        |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 13       |

(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.