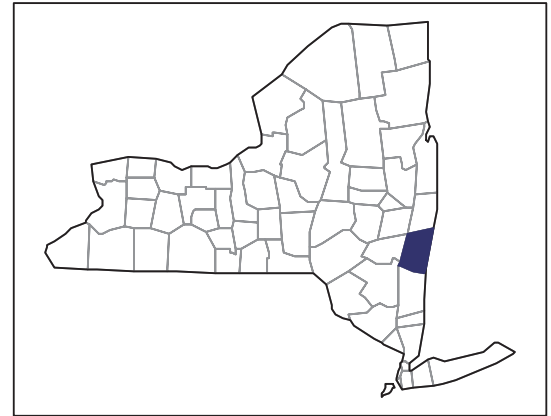


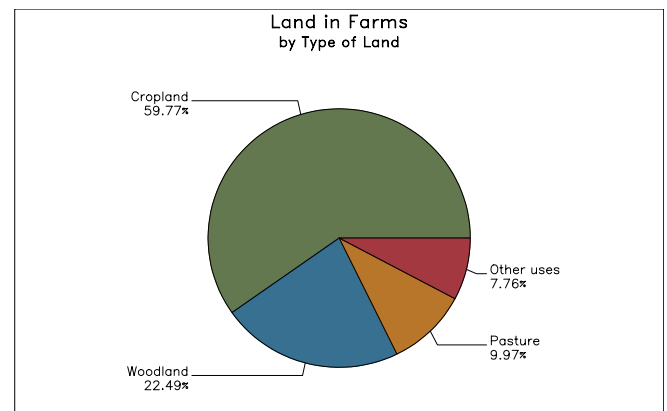
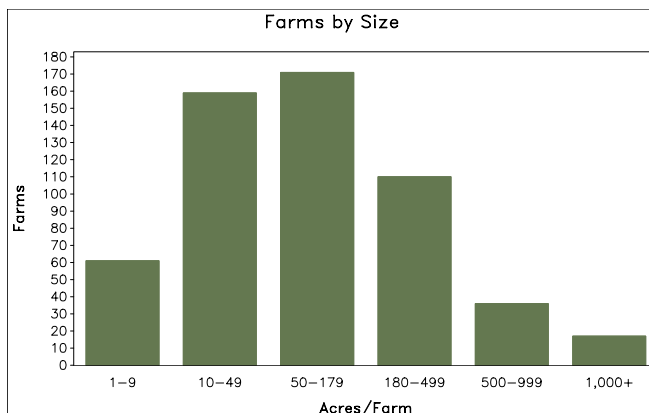
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Columbia County New York



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	554	498	+ 11
Land in Farms	106,574 acres	119,718 acres	- 11
Average Size of Farm	192 acres	240 acres	- 20
Market Value of Products Sold	\$65,770,000	\$52,194,000	+ 26
Crop Sales \$25,166,000 (38 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$40,603,000 (62 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$118,718	\$104,807	+ 13
Government Payments	\$945,000	\$1,667,000	- 43
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,593	\$15,876	- 46



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County Profile

Columbia County – New York

Ranked items among the 62 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	65,770	29	61	1,311	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	25,166	20	61	1,326	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	40,603	30	58	927	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,476	21	54	1,618	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,595	22	59	406	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	12,674	9	58	126	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,637	26	61	706	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	49	42	54	613	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,736	28	55	628	3,054
Poultry and eggs	1,044	13	57	989	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	32	54	(D)	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	25,561	32	54	250	2,493
Hogs and pigs	95	26	55	1,393	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	1	55	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	6,784	2	57	19	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	24	40	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	31,573	29	54	644	3,060
Corn for grain	7,296	21	53	1,290	2,634
Corn for silage	6,387	29	52	237	2,263
Soybeans for beans	2,399	17	46	1,372	2,039
Apples	2,208	6	57	30	2,144
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	31,235	12	57	568	3,024
Cattle and calves	17,164	32	55	1,551	3,060
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	14	54	(D)	2,627
Pheasants	6,270	5	50	116	1,544
Sheep and lambs	2,355	5	55	426	2,891

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	133	Farming	287
\$1,000 to \$2,499	59	Other	267
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61	Male	403
\$10,000 to \$19,999	65	Female	151
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	32	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	29	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	32	White	880
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	55,458	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	100,104	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	15
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,876		
Average per farm (\$)	28,658		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.