

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Herkimer, New York

Number of farms

690 farms in 2002, 661 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

159,258 acres in 2002, 148,919 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Average size of farm

231 acres in 2002, 225 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$49,827,000 in 2002, \$46,356,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,711,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$43,116,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

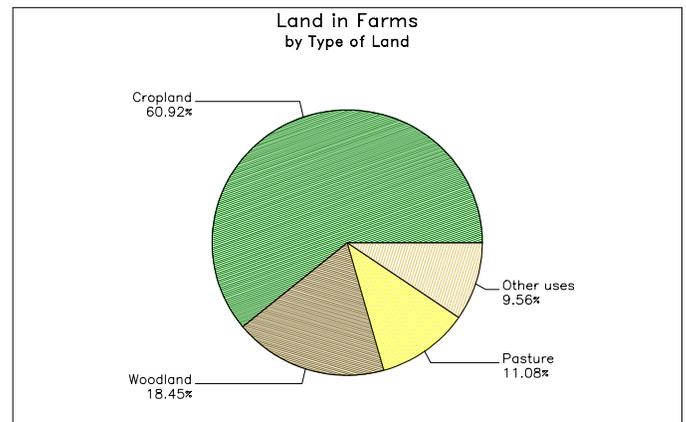
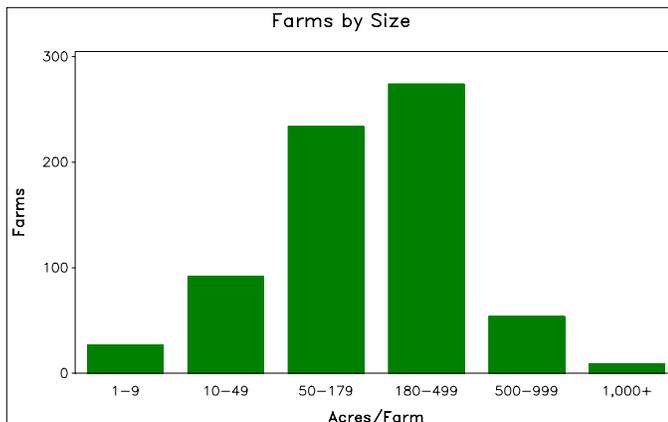
\$72,213 in 2002, \$70,130 in 1997, up 3 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,425,000 in 2002, \$432,000 in 1997, up 461 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,779 in 2002, \$2,789 in 1997, up 286 percent.



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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	49,827	30	61	1,177	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,711	39	61	1,913	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	43,116	20	59	661	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	953	30	52	1,783	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,122	28	58	516	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	90	51	58	1,312	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,508	38	61	926	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	209	22	53	266	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,829	31	56	713	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,492	27	54	1,604	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	37,751	17	52	120	2,493
Hogs and pigs	24	38	55	1,977	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	179	10	55	482	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	109	41	57	1,698	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	34,885	20	55	917	3,059
Colonies of bees	(D)	3	54	(D)	2,392
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,675	29	58	909	2,983
Sheep and lambs	1,721	22	56	641	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,017	34	58	1,262	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	55,019	15	57	241	3,059
Corn for silage	10,854	21	52	138	2,307
Corn for grain	4,370	29	51	1,331	2,592
Oats	1,402	18	52	389	2,215
All Vegetables harvested	867	26	58	481	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	159
\$1,000 to \$2,499	60
\$2,500 to \$4,999	54
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57
\$10,000 to \$19,999	48
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17
\$50,000 to \$99,999	80
\$100,000 to \$249,999	115
\$250,000 to \$499,999	40
\$500,000 or more	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	37,057
Average per farm (\$)	53,862
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,833
Average per farm (\$)	23,013

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	458
Other	232
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	605
Female	85
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,039
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	5
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.