

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Columbia, New York

### Number of farms

498 farms in 2002, 545 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Land in farms

119,718 acres in 2002, 119,186 acres in 1997, up slightly.

### Average size of farm

240 acres in 2002, 219 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$52,194,000 in 2002, \$73,361,000 in 1997, down 29 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$17,812,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$34,382,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

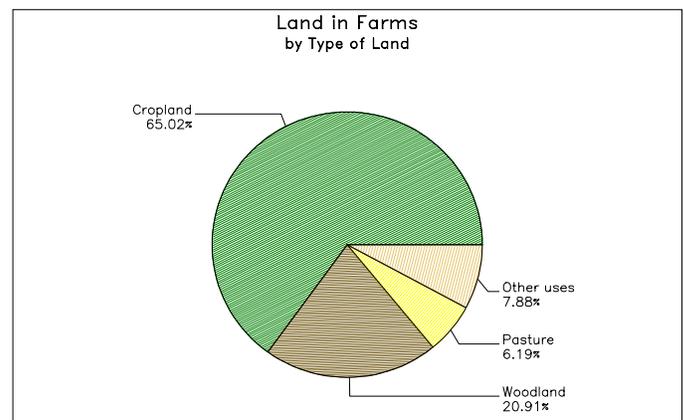
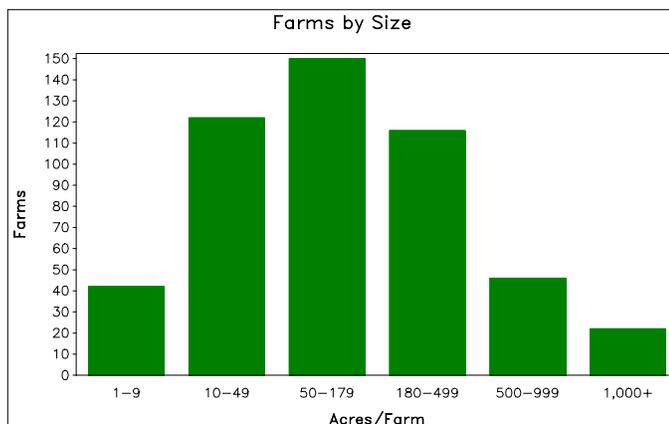
\$104,807 in 2002, \$134,607 in 1997, down 22 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,667,000 in 2002, \$341,000 in 1997, up 389 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,876 in 2002, \$4,212 in 1997, up 277 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	52,194	25	61	1,111	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,812	21	61	1,259	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	34,382	27	59	838	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,149	18	52	1,535	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,454	26	58	483	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	7,530	9	58	131	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,618	19	61	560	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	52	40	53	632	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,008	27	56	636	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1,204	14	57	923	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,300	18	54	1,469	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	22,335	28	52	202	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3,944	1	55	14	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,313	1	57	81	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	208	23	55	585	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	14	58	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	23,413	26	55	1,293	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	5	45	(D)	1,541
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	4,896	4	54	684	2,599
Quail	(D)	3	31	(D)	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	38,770	28	57	507	3,059
Corn for silage	9,881	23	52	154	2,307
Corn for grain	6,123	23	51	1,202	2,592
Apples	3,214	5	57	27	2,173
Soybeans	1,827	16	46	1,402	2,076

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	119	Farming	337
\$1,000 to \$2,499	47	Other	161
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52	Male	405
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	93
\$25,000 to \$39,999	41		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	46	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	29	White	779
\$500,000 or more	26	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	54,393	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	108,786	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,853	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	3,706	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.