

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Oswego, New York

Number of farms

682 farms in 2002, 737 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

103,156 acres in 2002, 109,232 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

151 acres in 2002, 148 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$31,526,000 in 2002, \$34,013,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$17,757,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,769,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

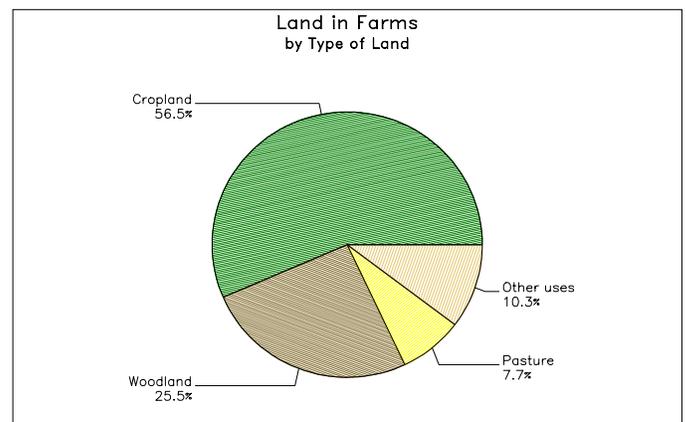
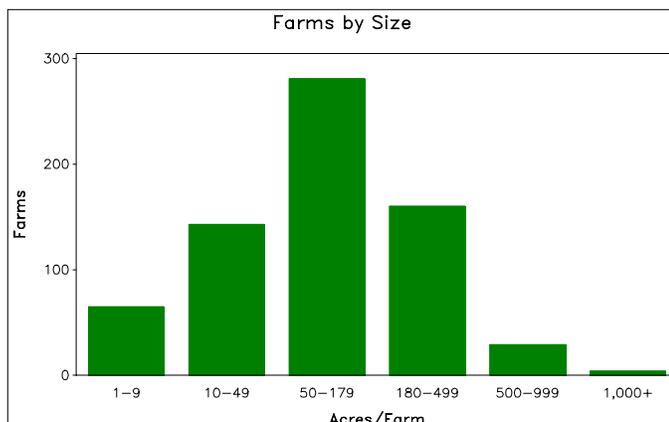
\$46,226 in 2002, \$46,151 in 1997, up slightly.

Government Payments

\$786,000 in 2002, \$367,000 in 1997, up 114 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,313 in 2002, \$2,449 in 1997, up 117 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, New York Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	31,526	40	61	1,657	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,757	22	61	1,261	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,769	40	59	1,610	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	616	36	52	1,936	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	11,758	11	58	153	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,246	21	58	313	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,713	24	61	680	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	214	19	53	256	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,210	42	56	1,062	3,046
Poultry and eggs	16	44	57	1,786	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	10,867	38	52	354	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	31	47	55	1,598	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	74	49	57	2,051	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	126	31	55	773	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	13,746	38	55	1,805	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,130	31	58	1,113	3,065
Hogs and pigs	861	17	55	1,398	2,926
Pigeons	803	3	44	52	1,368
Deer	789	4	39	87	1,080
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	29,414	35	57	739	3,059
Corn for silage	3,941	38	52	455	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	3,206	14	58	201	2,710
Corn for grain	2,930	36	51	1,448	2,592
Dry onions	2,510	2	43	15	853

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	188
\$1,000 to \$2,499	99
\$2,500 to \$4,999	79
\$5,000 to \$9,999	70
\$10,000 to \$19,999	57
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	48
\$100,000 to \$249,999	62
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	24,268
Average per farm (\$)	35,636
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,374
Average per farm (\$)	12,296

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	406
Other	276
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	541
Female	141
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	995
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	7
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.