

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Rensselaer, New York

Number of farms

549 farms in 2002, 562 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

92,344 acres in 2002, 107,265 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Average size of farm

168 acres in 2002, 191 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$28,122,000 in 2002, \$29,515,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$12,013,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$16,109,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

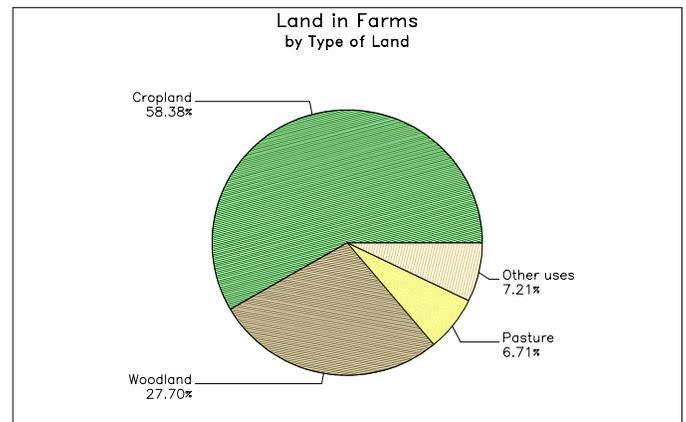
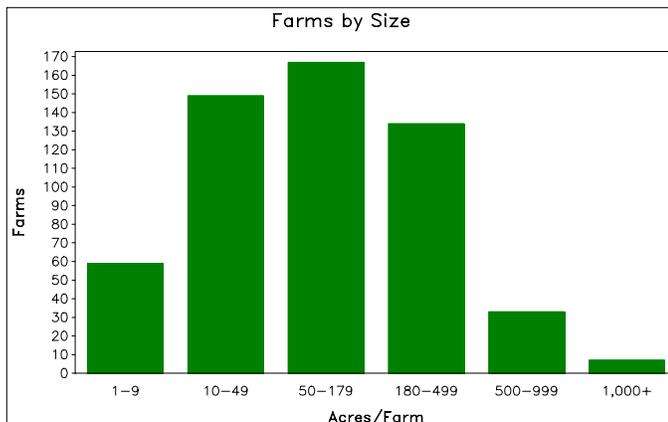
\$51,224 in 2002, \$52,517 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,480,000 in 2002, \$489,000 in 1997, up 203 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,209 in 2002, \$3,789 in 1997, up 169 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	28,122	43	61	1,772	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	12,013	25	61	1,532	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,109	39	59	1,481	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,329	25	52	1,698	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,638	25	58	464	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,814	11	61	425	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,899	30	56	682	3,046
Poultry and eggs	63	30	57	1,414	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	13,613	37	52	296	2,493
Hogs and pigs	74	21	55	1,561	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	205	8	55	431	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	287	15	57	770	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	98	32	55	864	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	14,343	37	55	1,775	3,059
Sheep and lambs	4,843	1	56	229	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	3,693	24	58	839	2,983
Horses and ponies	910	39	58	1,417	3,065
Hogs and pigs	479	25	55	1,655	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	30,171	34	57	720	3,059
Corn for grain	6,220	22	51	1,195	2,592
Corn for silage	5,205	36	52	349	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	1,107	21	58	408	2,710
Sweet corn	903	14	57	128	2,279

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	161
\$1,000 to \$2,499	77
\$2,500 to \$4,999	54
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50
\$10,000 to \$19,999	58
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43
\$100,000 to \$249,999	33
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15
\$500,000 or more	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,848
Average per farm (\$)	39,438
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,581
Average per farm (\$)	15,490

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	319
Other	230
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	455
Female	94
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	831
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
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.