

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Saratoga, New York

### Number of farms

592 farms in 2002, 589 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Land in farms

74,976 acres in 2002, 80,733 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Average size of farm

127 acres in 2002, 137 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$33,228,000 in 2002, \$30,669,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,981,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$23,246,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

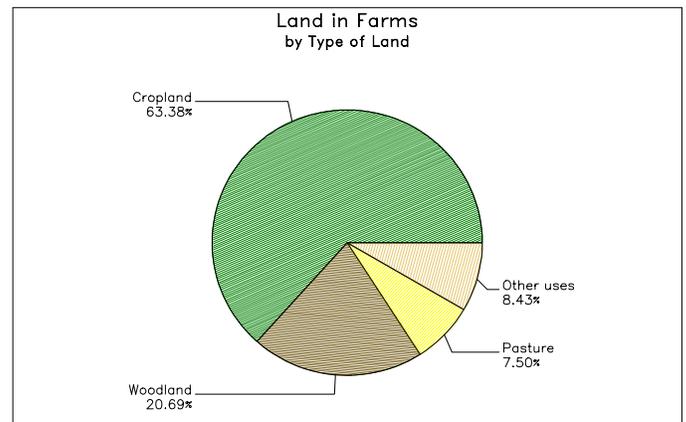
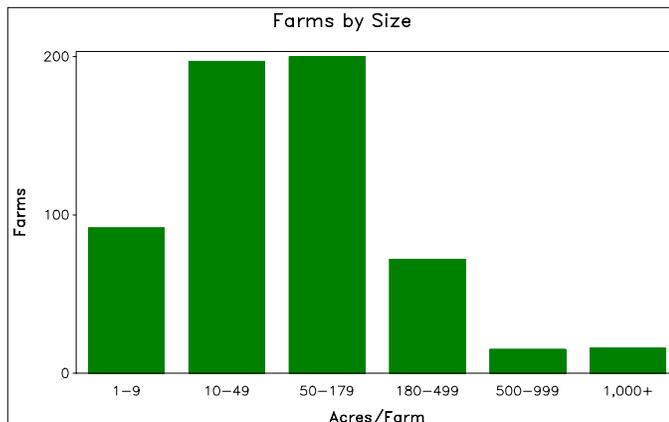
\$56,128 in 2002, \$52,070 in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,164,000 in 2002, \$314,000 in 1997, up 271 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,754 in 2002, \$3,734 in 1997, up 215 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	33,228	38	61	1,603	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,981	29	61	1,653	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	23,246	35	59	1,169	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,105	27	52	1,744	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,586	18	58	274	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,887	15	61	470	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,130	44	56	1,131	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	17,984	31	52	239	2,493
Hogs and pigs	17	44	55	2,112	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	69	34	55	1,049	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	515	9	57	374	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	64	37	55	1,055	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	7	58	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	14,689	36	55	1,757	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,195	8	58	403	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	815	17	54	941	2,599
Colonies of bees	646	22	54	554	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,185	40	57	1,010	3,059
Corn for silage	6,367	32	52	287	2,307
Corn for grain	3,733	33	51	1,390	2,592
Apples	758	11	57	74	2,173
Sod harvested	(D)	4	7	(D)	740

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	176
\$1,000 to \$2,499	95
\$2,500 to \$4,999	55
\$5,000 to \$9,999	69
\$10,000 to \$19,999	71
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14
\$500,000 or more	14
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	32,301
Average per farm (\$)	54,470
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,750
Average per farm (\$)	6,324

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	364
Other	228
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	435
Female	157
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	928
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	5
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.