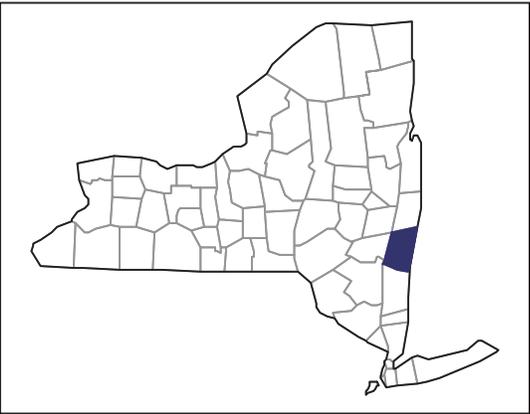


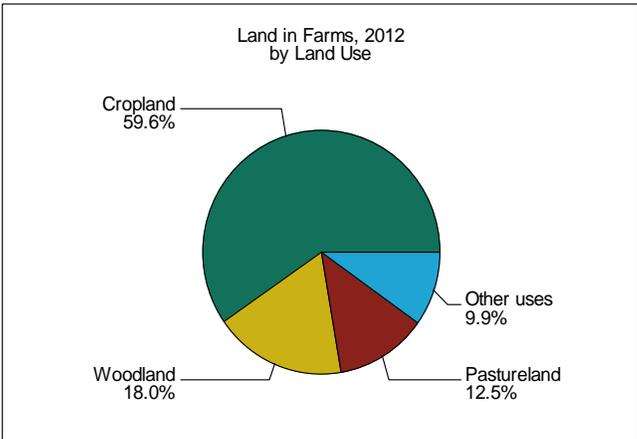
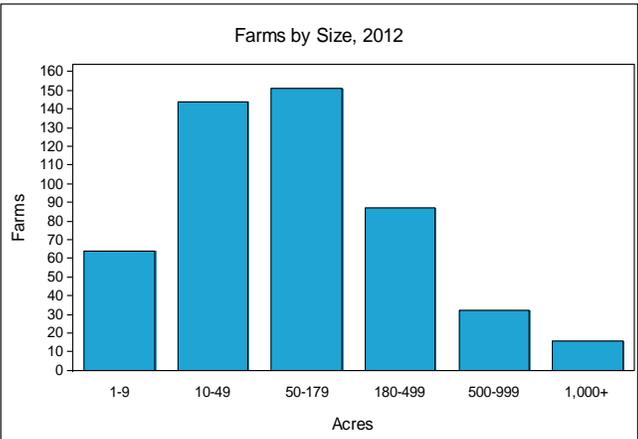
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Columbia County New York

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	494	554	- 11
<b>Land in Farms</b>	95,378 acres	106,574 acres	- 11
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	193 acres	192 acres	+ 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$66,524,000	\$65,770,000	+ 1
Crop Sales \$35,906,000 (54 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$30,618,000 (46 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$134,663	\$118,718	+ 13
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$674,000	\$945,000	- 29
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,880	\$8,593	- 20





## Columbia County – New York

### Ranked items among the 62 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	66,524	33	62	1,540	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	35,906	23	60	1,364	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	30,618	34	61	1,287	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,932	27	54	1,555	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,284	26	59	473	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	11,128	8	58	140	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,643	10	60	357	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	60	35	53	426	1,530
Other crops and hay	5,858	22	55	512	3,049
Poultry and eggs	743	18	57	1,037	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	37	55	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	21,747	34	52	324	2,038
Hogs and pigs	572	11	54	944	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	624	10	56	268	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,963	9	59	96	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	5	33	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	59	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	29,221	29	55	620	3,057
Corn for grain	8,071	29	54	1,271	2,638
Corn for silage	4,421	36	52	419	2,237
Soybeans for beans	3,760	19	49	1,367	2,162
Apples	1,579	6	56	31	2,167
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	28,678	14	59	557	3,040
Cattle and calves	13,811	35	56	1,679	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	11,343	6	54	631	2,723
Sheep and lambs	3,301	7	56	262	2,897
Horses and ponies	1,576	25	60	675	3,072

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	98	Farming	304
\$1,000 to \$2,499	34	Other	190
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	56	Male	382
\$10,000 to \$19,999	74	Female	112
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	34	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	50	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	33	White	786
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	63,373	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	128,286	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	18
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,665		
Average per farm (\$)	17,540		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<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.