

# Cattaraugus County

## Farm Statistics August 2009

### CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted <i>Acres</i>	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels</i>	Production <i>Bushels</i>	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Tons</i>	Production <i>Tons</i>
1940	15,416	1,948	34	65,430	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	13,119	1,938	51	98,422	10,741	9.6	102,672
1959	11,384	2,155	59	126,229	9,083	10.9	98,553
1969	14,600	1,600	95	152,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	24,900	5,200	86	447,200	19,300	13.5	260,550
1982	23,300	5,700	80	453,200	16,900	13.2	223,100
1987	23,000	6,200	117	725,400	16,300	14.5	236,300
1992	24,400	5,200	79	410,800	18,100	10.2	184,600
1997	20,800	4,800	133	542,400	15,800	15.5	244,900
2002	19,100	5,700	117	667,000	13,300	16.6	220,600
2003	19,000	4,900	104	509,900	13,800	19.5	269,600
2004	18,500	7,100	94	669,100	11,100	17.3	191,700
2005	19,100	5,700	58	329,900	13,200	17.3	228,800
2006	18,200	5,100	94	478,800	12,800	18.8	240,500
2007	16,100	5,700	129	737,100	10,300	16.8	173,200
2008	19,700	5,600	106	594,800	14,100	19.5	277,000

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### HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Tons</i>	Production <i>Tons</i>	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Tons</i>	Production <i>Tons</i>	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Tons</i>	Production <i>Tons</i>
1940	2,305	2.0	4,684	96,997	1.4	137,909	99,302	1.4	142,593
1950	2,792	1.8	4,992	87,936	1.4	102,571	90,728	1.4	125,563
1959	17,382	2.4	41,281	57,273	1.9	108,223	74,655	2.0	149,504
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	66,192	2.2	145,896
1978	22,000	2.6	57,200	50,500	1.9	96,000	72,500	2.1	153,200
1982	23,000	2.8	64,400	46,300	2.1	97,200	69,300	2.3	161,600
1987	19,500	3.1	60,500	44,500	2.3	102,300	64,000	2.5	162,800
1992	16,900	2.7	46,200	28,400	2.0	55,400	45,300	2.2	101,600
1997	12,700	3.0	37,500	25,400	2.1	52,500	38,100	2.4	90,000
2002	10,500	2.5	25,900	31,900	2	64,700	42,400	2.1	90,600
2003	9,800	2.8	27,100	38,200	1.5	56,400	48,000	1.7	83,500
2004	7,800	2.5	19,800	23,100	2	45,400	30,900	2.1	65,200
2005	7,200	1.9	13,500	34,900	1.7	59,200	42,100	1.7	72,700
2006	8,500	2.7	22,700	24,700	1.9	45,900	33,200	2.1	68,600
2007	6,000	2.6	15,600	29,300	1.6	47,900	35,300	1.8	63,500
2008	5,100	2.45	12,600	29,400	1.95	56,600	34,500	2.01	69,200

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Cattaraugus County lies in the southwestern part of the state bordering Pennsylvania. In 2008, there were 183,439 acres in farms, 22 percent of the county's total 837,351 acres. There were 1,122 farms in the county averaging 163 acres per farm. Cattaraugus County ranks 5th in the state for number of farms and 13th for land in farms.

In 2007, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$75.1 million. Total sales averaged \$66,980 per farm. The leading products sold were: Milk & Dairy, Nursery & Floriculture, Cattle & Calves, Hay, and Fruits & Nuts

The average value of land and buildings per farm was \$284,810. Machinery and equipment was valued at \$67,862 per farm. Total production expenses in 2007 were \$61 million for an average of \$54,422 per farm. The Census showed 49 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 56.7 years. The U.S.D.A.'s Economic Research Service showed the median household income in 2007 was \$40,830

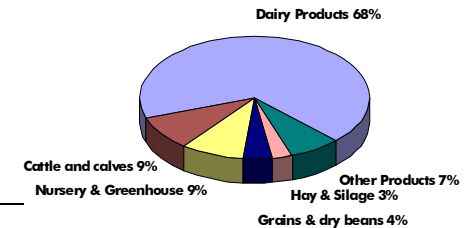
### LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	2007 Sales <i>(\$1,000)</i>	Percent of Total	State Rank
Dairy Products	50,612	68	18
Nursery & Greenhouse	6,997	9	11
Cattle and calves	6,554	9	20
Grains & Dry beans	3,138	4	23
Hay & Silage	2,275	3	30
Other Products	5,576	7	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>75,152</b>		<b>23</b>

2007 Census of Agriculture

### Leading Agricultural Products

Percent of Total Sales



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**FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE**

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms <i>Acres</i>	Total Cropland <i>Acres</i>	Permanent Pasture <i>Acres</i>	Total Woodland <i>Acres</i>	Other Land <i>Acres</i>
1940	4,124	537,467	N/A	N/A	99,064	N/A
1950	3,508	513,321	197,766	153,190	139,165	23,200
1959	2,254	394,919	158,412	109,744	106,425	20,338
1969	1,475	295,583	145,920	N/A	83,695	N/A
1978	1,262	268,528	145,062	29,029	75,472	18,965
1982	1,211	252,564	135,460	28,187	70,422	18,495
1987	1,225	243,000	131,900	26,100	68,600	16,400
1992	1,110	224,000	119,100	25,700	61,400	17,800
1997	1,135	210,700	111,200	21,700	57,100	20,700
2002	1,150	201,900	108,279	18,066	60,385	14,870
2003	1,140	194,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2004	1,110	191,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005	1,100	187,900	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	1,080	185,900	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	1,125	184,100	91,562	23,056	51,520	17,962
2008	1,130	181,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

1940-1982 and all land breakouts after 1999 are U.S. Census of Agriculture

**FARMS BY SALES CLASS**

Sales Class	2002	2007
Under \$10,000	741	688
\$10,000 to \$49,999	204	216
\$50,000 to \$99,999	93	87
\$100,000 or more	119	131
<b>Farms Reporting</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>1,122</b>

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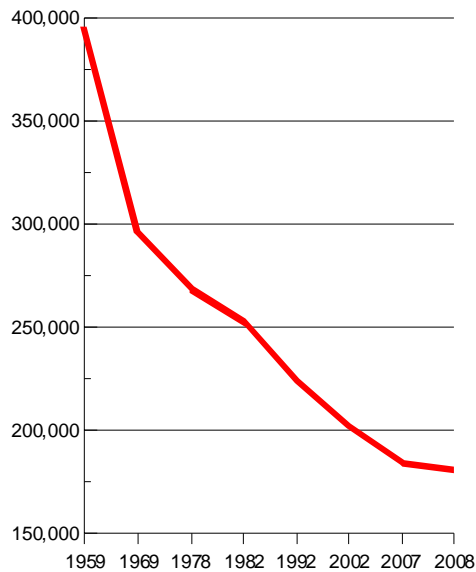
**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 2008, Cattaraugus County's population ranked 35th in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	72,700	55
1950	77,900	59
1960	80,200	61
1970	81,700	62
1980	85,700	65
1990	84,200	64
2000	83,955	64
2008	79,688	61

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**Land in Farms (Acres)**



**CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1**

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
1940	68,484	N/A	N/A
1950	68,166	1,062	41,955
1959	64,780	1,531	37,430
1969	55,673	3,077	29,498
1978	55,000	2,600	31,000
1982	64,000	2,900	27,500
1987	52,000	2,200	25,000
1992	47,000	2,000	22,000
1997	41,000	2,100	20,500
2002	43,000	2,700	21,000
2003	35,300	2,500	16,800
2004	34,600	2,400	16,100
2005	36,000	2,400	16,100
2006	34,100	2,100	15,100
2007	33,500	2,800	14,300
2008	32,100	3,000	14,600
2009	30,300	2,500	14,600

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**Milk Cows & Production**

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
1940	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	N/A	N/A	N/A
1959	N/A	N/A	N/A
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	30,400	10,800	328
1982	27,500	11,200	308
1987	24,500	13,700	336
1992	22,000	15,500	341
1997	21,000	16,700	351
2002	16,900	18,300	310
2003	16,700	17,900	299
2004	16,000	18,100	290
2005	15,300	18,600	285
2006	15,000	18,300	275
2007	14,500	17,900	260
2008	13,200	18,000	237
2009	N/A	N/A	N/A

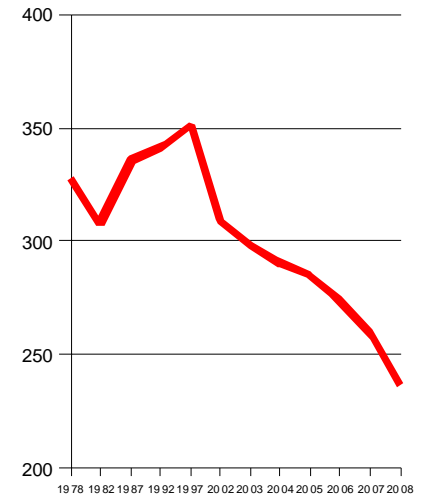
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**Oats: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted <i>Acres</i>	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels</i>	Production <i>Bushels</i>
1940	N/A	20,915	34	714,330
1950	N/A	18,686	27	502,319
1959	N/A	15,570	53	825,552
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	7,000	4,600	52	239,200
1982	6,900	5,800	58	336,400
1987	6,100	4,000	56	224,000
1992	4,100	2,600	74	192,400
1997	2,800	2,500	63	157,500
2002	2,300	1,600	63	100,300
2003	2,600	2,100	76	160,100
2004	1,800	1,500	62	93,500
2005	2,900	2,000	54	108,800
2006	2,600	2,000	71	142,700
2007	3,100	1,700	69	117,100
2008	2,700	2,200	62	137,200

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**Milk Production (Million Pounds)**



**EQUINE: Inventory and Value, Census of Agriculture, 2007**

Year	Total Equine	Rank in State	Total Equine Sold	Value of Sales
2007	2,506	9	366	\$341,000