

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

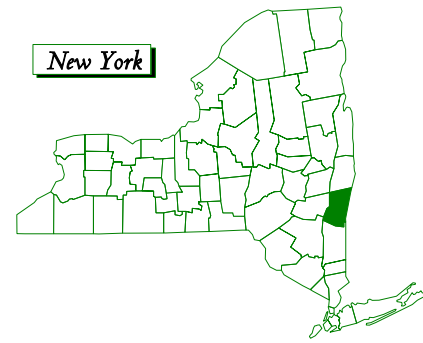
Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	13,744	5,198	31	162,657	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	14,370	5,258	41	213,945	8,795	8.3	73,421
1959	15,799	5,329	53	282,503	10,138	10.1	102,266
1969	29,200	9,500	82	779,600	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	29,700	12,900	100	1,289,700	16,400	14.0	229,600
1982	29,000	15,300	97	1,476,500	13,500	13.7	185,000
1987	20,500	11,200	109	1,220,800	8,800	14.0	123,200
1992	17,500	9,200	101	929,200	7,500	15.6	117,000
1997	22,900	11,800	114	1,345,200	10,900	14.3	155,900
2002	16,500	6,300	87	545,800	10,000	14.4	144,000
2003	16,000	6,500	124	804,800	9,500	18.9	180,000
2004	16,600	8,600	138	1,188,400	8,000	19.1	152,600
2005	15,900	7,500	150	1,125,600	8,200	17.0	139,200
2006	15,100	8,300	128	1,060,800	6,600	18.1	119,400
2007	13,700	7,300	152	1,109,300	6,300	19.0	119,900
2008	14,300	9,700	142	1,378,000	4,500	22.0	100,000

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HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	5,132	1.7	8,654	47,494	1.0	49,472	52,626	1.1	58,126
1950	10,144	1.8	18,300	38,005	1.3	48,774	48,149	1.4	67,074
1959	25,911	2.0	51,805	25,180	1.5	36,777	51,091	1.7	88,582
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36,709	2.1	77,592
1978	19,700	2.7	53,200	20,000	2.2	44,000	39,700	2.4	97,200
1982	19,700	2.8	55,200	17,100	2.1	35,900	36,800	2.5	91,100
1987	18,800	3.0	56,400	27,000	2.4	64,100	45,800	2.6	120,500
1992	13,100	2.2	29,000	13,000	1.6	20,900	26,100	1.9	49,900
1997	11,000	2.3	25,500	16,300	1.8	29,100	27,300	2.0	54,600
2002	11,000	2.3	25,200	17,800	2	34,900	28,800	2.1	60,100
2003	10,000	1.7	17,100	19,700	1.2	24,400	29,700	1.4	41,500
2004	7,900	2.8	22,200	13,500	2.1	28,400	21,400	2.4	50,600
2005	7,600	2.1	15,700	20,000	1.2	24,800	27,600	1.5	40,500
2006	4,500	1.6	7,000	24,400	1.7	40,300	28,900	1.6	47,300
2007	5,900	2	11,900	20,000	1.9	38,200	25,900	1.9	50,100
2008	3,500	2.7	9,400	19,200	1.65	31,700	22,700	1.81	41,100

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Columbia County

Farm Statistics

April 2009

Columbia County lies in the eastern part of the state in the Hudson Valley region. In 2008, there were 106,574 acres in farms, 26 percent of the county's total 406,240 acres. There were 554 farms in the county averaging 234 acres per farm. Columbia County ranks 37th in the state for number of farms and 34th for land in farms.

In 2007, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$65.8 million. Total sales averaged \$118,718 per farm. The leading products sold were: Milk & Dairy, Fruits & Nuts, Horses & Mules, Grains & Dry Beans, and Hay.

The average value of land and buildings per farm was \$823,806. Machinery and equipment was valued at \$103,984 per farm. Total production expenses in 2007 were \$55.4 million for an average of \$100,104 per farm. The Census showed 52 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 58.7 years. The U.S.D.A.'s Economic Research Service showed the median household income in 2007 was \$53,214.

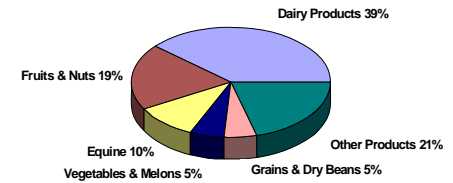
LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	2007 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
Dairy Products	25,561	39	32
Fruits & Nuts	12,674	19	9
Equine	6,784	10	2
Vegetables & Melons	3,595	5	22
Grains & Dry Beans	3,476	5	21
Other Products	13,680	22	
TOTAL SALES	65,770		29

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	Total Cropland	Permanent Pasture	Total Woodland	Other Land
		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1940	2,153	275,708	N/A	N/A	50,060	N/A
1950	1,692	259,998	149,263	31,833	53,976	24,926
1959	1,235	231,315	133,286	23,912	51,452	22,665
1969	768	174,390	108,355	N/A	40,939	N/A
1978	643	162,699	103,007	10,160	34,613	14,919
1982	599	152,397	99,384	8,255	31,629	13,129
1987	630	138,200	91,000	8,800	28,000	10,400
1992	570	123,100	83,700	8,800	20,800	9,800
1997	555	123,500	83,600	9,700	16,700	13,500
2002	495	119,700	77,838	7,416	25,031	9,215
2003	565	112,700	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2004	550	111,200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005	545	109,100	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	535	107,900	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	555	106,900	63,704	10,630	23,965	8,601
2008	555	105,400	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	237	295
\$10,000to\$49,999	123	119
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37	47
\$100,000 or more	101	93
Farms Reporting	498	554

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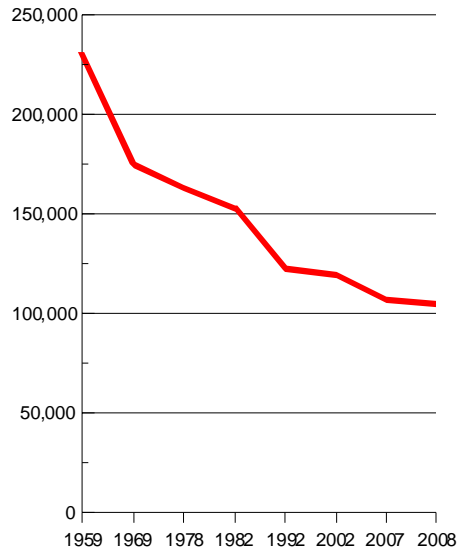
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 2008, Columbia County's population ranked 42nd in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Sq Mile
1940	41,500	65
1950	43,200	68
1960	47,300	74
1970	51,500	81
1980	59,500	94
1990	63,000	99
2000	63,094	99
2008	62,006	98

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Land in Farms (Acres)



CATTLE-Number on Farms Jan 1

MILK Cows & Production

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows	Year	Annual Avg Milk Cows	Avg Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
	<i>Number on Farms</i>				<i>No Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million Lbs</i>
1940	23,858	N/A	N/A	1940	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	29,218	516	17,044	1950	N/A	N/A	N/A
1959	35,798	1,160	21,018	1959	N/A	N/A	N/A
1969	34,038	1,735	18,689	1969	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	37,000	2,000	19,500	1978	19,000	11,200	213
1982	37,000	3,000	18,000	1982	17,500	12,000	210
1987	28,500	2,200	13,000	1987	12,000	13,700	164
1992	24,000	1,600	11,000	1992	11,000	15,000	165
1997	25,000	1,500	10,500	1997	10,500	16,000	168
2002	22,000	1,200	10,500	2002	9,900	17,200	171
2003	23,500	1,800	9,800	2003	9,500	15,100	143
2004	23,000	1,700	9,100	2004	9,100	15,200	138
2005	23,500	1,800	9,100	2005	8,700	15,700	137
2006	22,200	N/A	8,600	2006	8,200	16,500	135
2007	21,600	2,000	7,900	2007	7,500	16,800	126
2008	17,100	2,200	7,100	2008	7,700	16,800	129
2009	16,100	1,900	6,900	2009	N/A	N/A	N/A

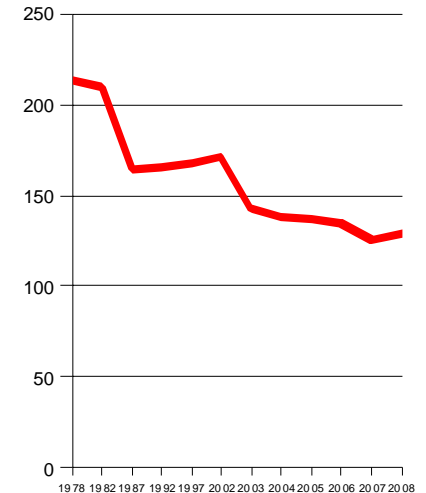
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OATS-Acreage, Yield & Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
1940	N/A	7,217	25	180,127
1950	N/A	8,087	32	262,250
1959	N/A	8,179	44	360,828
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	3,000	2,000	51	102,100
1982	2,200	1,900	54	102,600
1987	2,300	1,500	46	69,000
1992	1,600	1,400	66	92,400
1997	900	800	49	39,200
2002	600	300	55	16,500
2003	500	400	52	20,800
2004	700	500	49	24,600
2005	900	700	26	18,500
2006	700	500	36	17,800
2007	700	400	42	16,800
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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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	1,743	17	196	\$6,784,000