

# Dutchess 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	16,396	4,044	35	141,444	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	16,973	5,308	45	240,640	11,314	8.5	96,153
1959	13,960	4,330	61	265,199	9,428	10.9	102,805
1969	20,700	4,600	83	381,800	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	20,800	8,000	99	792,000	12,500	14.5	181,250
1982	20,200	9,400	95	893,000	10,600	13.7	145,200
1987	13,500	6,100	96	585,600	6,900	14.0	96,600
1992	11,200	7,100	106	752,600	3,600	16.0	57,600
1997	10,100	5,500	110	605,000	4,500	15.5	69,800
2002	9,500	5,900	99	584,300	3,600	14.2	51,200
2003	8,400	4,000	114	456,700	4,200	16.1	67,700
2004	8,400	5,400	129	696,700	2,800	19.7	55,100
2005	7,100	4,500	141	635,600	2,600	14.9	38,700
2006	6,600	4,400	134	589,900	2,200	18.8	41,400
2007	7,200	5,400	133	717,200	1,700	17.0	28,900
2008	6,200	4,500	147	660,600	1,700	22.5	38,200

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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	7,061	1.7	12,326	54,425	1.1	61,791	61,486	1.2	74,117
1950	9,831	1.9	18,629	48,713	1.5	73,260	58,544	1.6	91,889
1959	29,736	2.1	63,553	20,287	1.6	32,945	50,023	1.9	96,498
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	33,545	2.3	77,103
1978	17,800	3.0	53,400	19,000	1.9	36,100	36,800	2.4	89,500
1982	17,900	2.8	50,100	15,100	2.1	31,700	33,000	2.5	81,800
1987	15,000	2.8	41,800	19,000	1.9	35,800	34,000	2.3	77,600
1992	10,900	2.4	26,000	9,900	2.0	20,100	20,800	2.2	46,100
1997	10,700	2.6	28,100	13,700	1.5	20,700	24,400	2.0	48,800
2002	12,100	2.3	27,700	15,500	1.5	23,700	27,600	1.9	51,400
2003	11,400	2.6	29,200	18,400	1.3	24,200	29,800	1.8	53,400
2004	8,500	3.1	26,200	14,000	1.6	22,400	22,500	2.2	48,600
2005	8,100	1.6	13,200	21,000	1.1	23,000	29,100	1.2	36,200
2006	6,600	1.6	10,300	17,700	1.5	25,800	24,300	1.5	36,100
2007	7,200	2.4	17,200	16,200	2.0	31,900	23,400	2.1	49,100
2008	3,400	3.1	10,500	18,300	2.0	36,800	21,700	2.18	47,300

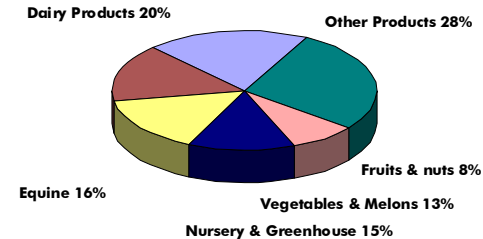
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### LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	2007 Sales <i>(\$1,000)</i>	Percent of Total	State Rank
Dairy Products	9,004	20	42
Equine	7,034	16	1
Nursery & Greenhouse	6,860	15	12
Vegetables & Melons	5,840	13	17
Fruits & Nuts	3,688	8	18
Other Products	12,440	28	
TOTAL SALES	44,866		38

2007 Census of Agriculture

### Leading Agricultural Products Percent of Total



Dutchess County lies in the eastern part of the state in the Hudson Valley region. In 2008, there were 102,360 acres in farms, 20 percent of the county's total 509,204 acres. There were 656 farms in the county averaging 156 acres per farm. Dutchess County ranks 23rd in the state for number of farms and 35th for land in farms.

In 2007, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$44.8 million. Total sales averaged \$68,393 per farm. The leading products sold were: Milk & Dairy, Horses & Mules, Nursery & Floriculture, Vegetables & Potatoes, and Fruits & Nuts

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2007 was \$873,887. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$88,862 per farm. Total production expenses in 2007 were \$58.2 million for an average of \$88,828 per farm. The Census showed 55 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 56.8 years. The U.S.D.A.'s Economic Research Service showed the median household income in 2007 was \$65,847.

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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	1,958	306,865	N/A	N/A	61,546	N/A
1950	1,729	303,763	162,910	46,221	69,572	25,060
1959	1,027	238,690	124,285	36,653	57,725	20,027
1969	683	162,095	89,696	N/A	34,706	N/A
1978	593	140,368	80,063	14,507	31,455	14,343
1982	635	137,963	79,816	12,910	29,756	15,481
1987	685	128,600	72,200	11,300	30,100	15,000
1992	650	120,600	63,100	14,200	28,500	14,800
1997	645	114,700	66,400	13,100	25,200	10,000
2002	660	112,400	59,255	12,492	26,197	14,356
2003	665	108,200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2004	650	106,800	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005	640	104,800	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	630	103,700	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	655	102,700	46,938	14,300	29,530	11,932
2008	660	101,300	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	417	346
\$10,000to\$49,999	142	158
\$50,000 to \$99,999	49	52
\$100,000 or more	59	100
Farms Reporting	667	656

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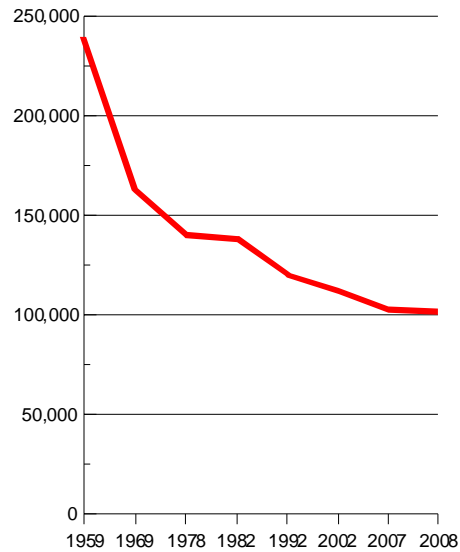
**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 2008, Dutchess County's population ranked 15th in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Sq Mile
1940	120,500	150
1950	136,800	171
1960	176,000	219
1970	222,300	277
1980	245,100	306
1990	259,462	324
2000	280,150	349
2008	292,878	365

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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	35,311	N/A	N/A	1940	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1950	41,780	1,922	23,422	1950	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1959	41,000	2,691	22,017	1959	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1969	43,091	3,836	16,422	1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1978	29,000	3,300	13,500	1978	12,700	12,000	152	
1982	34,000	4,100	13,000	1982	13,000	12,200	159	
1987	22,500	2,900	8,700	1987	7,800	13,700	107	
1992	15,000	2,400	5,000	1992	4,500	15,400	69	
1997	12,000	2,100	3,500	1997	3,500	15,700	55	
2002	10,000	1,700	2,500	2002	2,800	17,700	50	
2003	8,900	1,700	2,900	2003	3,200	14,100	45	
2004	8,700	1,600	3,400	2004	3,500	14,300	50	
2005	9,300	1,500	3,500	2005	3,500	15,100	53	
2006	9,000		3,500	2006	3,400	16,200	55	
2007	8,900	1,900	3,400	2007	3,000	16,800	50	
2008	9,300	2,500	2,500	2008	3,100	16,800	52	
2009	9,000	2,100	2,500	2009	N/A	N/A	N/A	

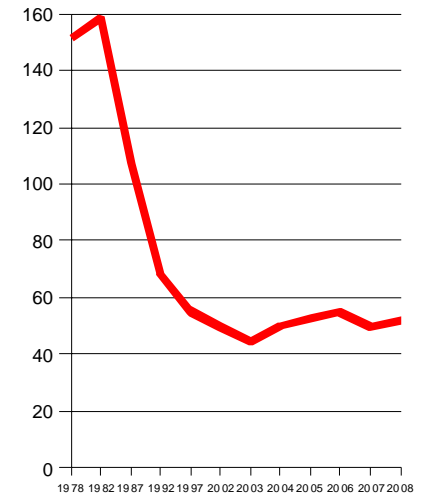
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**Oats: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
1940	N/A	7,568	29	220,211
1950	N/A	8,390	37	309,678
1959	N/A	8,234	46	374,804
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	2,500	1,300	50	65,000
1982	2,300	1,800	54	97,200
1987	2,100	1,500	54	81,000
1992	1,200	1,000	67	67,000
1997	700	700	50	35,000
2002	600	500	57	28,400
2003	500	500	47	23,700
2004	400	400	76	30,500
2005	400	300	48	14,300
2006	300	200	60	11,900
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	3,840	1	504	\$7,034,000