

**CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

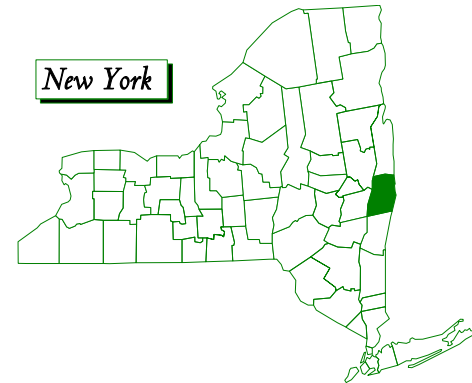
Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	13,139	5,315	34	181,914	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	11,643	4,679	46	212,977	6,722	8.2	54,980
1959	10,272	2,881	48	137,360	7,203	8.7	62,930
1969	10,900	3,000	85	255,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	12,800	4,600	93	427,800	8,000	14.5	116,000
1982	17,200	9,100	103	932,800	7,900	15.4	121,700
1987	14,500	7,500	106	795,000	6,600	14.0	92,400
1992	18,400	8,800	88	774,400	8,800	19.2	169,000
1997	20,300	11,800	106	1,250,800	8,300	13.0	107,900
2002	11,800	6,400	104	666,600	5,300	14.2	75,100
2003	12,500	7,400	136	1,007,500	4,800	17.8	85,400
2004	12,900	6,000	123	736,800	6,600	13.2	87,100
2005	14,700	5,900	88	517,400	8,600	18.5	158,800
2006	13,400	4,200	113	476,500	9,200	15.1	138,900
2007	11,300	6,500	135	874,900	4,600	14.4	66,100
2008	13,200	8,500	140	1,192,700	4,700	20.0	93,900

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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	2,790	1.8	4,931	62,235	1.1	65,468	65,025	1.1	70,399
1950	4,926	1.9	9,402	44,049	1.3	56,842	48,975	1.4	66,244
1959	15,157	1.9	29,069	27,482	1.4	38,846	42,639	1.6	67,915
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32,331	2.1	69,254
1978	15,200	2.5	38,000	18,700	1.7	31,800	33,900	2.1	69,800
1982	14,400	2.6	37,400	17,100	2.1	35,900	31,500	2.3	73,300
1987	11,500	2.5	28,200	18,000	1.8	32,300	29,500	2.1	60,500
1992	12,100	2.7	33,000	12,200	1.8	21,700	24,300	2.3	54,700
1997	8,900	2.1	18,600	11,800	1.7	20,600	20,700	1.9	39,200
2002	9,200	2.5	23,000	15,900	1.8	28,400	25,100	2.0	51,400
2003	9,600	2.3	22,300	17,200	1.6	27,100	26,800	1.8	49,400
2004	6,700	2.8	18,600	10,700	1.5	15,800	17,400	2.0	34,400
2005	6,500	2.2	14,300	15,700	1.3	20,400	22,200	1.6	34,700
2006	6,000	2.0	11,700	12,000	1.5	18,000	18,000	1.7	29,700
2007	6,100	2.4	14,500	13,700	1.8	24,600	19,800	2.0	39,100
2008	5,300	2.35	12,400	12,300	1.3	16,200	17,600	1.63	28,600

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# Rensselaer County

## Farm Statistics

August 2009

Rensselaer County is located in eastern New York bordering Massachusetts. In 2008, there were 85,034 acres in farms, 20 percent of the county's total 417,564 acres. There were 506 farms in the county averaging 168 acres per farm. Rensselaer County ranks 42nd in the state for number of farms and 39th for land in farms.

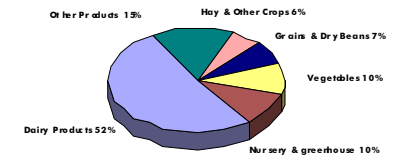
In 2007, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$37.5 million. Total sales averaged \$74,133 per farm. The leading products sold were: Milk & Dairy, Nursery & Floriculture, Vegetables & Potatoes, Grains & Dry Beans, and Hay.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2007 was \$529,827. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$89,289 per farm. Total production expenses in 2007 were \$35.6 million for an average of \$70,397 per farm. The Census showed 54 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 57.8 years. The U.S.D.A.'s Economic Research Service showed the median household income in 2007 was \$50,840.

**LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Product	2007 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
<b>Dairy Products</b>	19,660	52	36
<b>Nursery &amp; greenhouse</b>	3,887	10	21
<b>Vegetables</b>	3,778	10	21
<b>Grains &amp; Dry Beans</b>	2,621	7	27
<b>Hay &amp; Other Crops</b>	2,422	6	29
<b>Other Products</b>	5,144	14	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	37,512		41

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Leading Agricultural Products  
Percent of Total

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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	2,675	272,242	N/A	N/A	63,709	N/A
1950	1,822	227,697	124,077	28,510	59,164	15,946
1959	1,151	179,503	98,820	21,138	46,822	12,723
1969	649	121,697	72,489	N/A	29,906	N/A
1978	559	111,659	67,145	7,052	28,364	9,098
1982	591	117,612	65,731	7,211	34,157	10,513
1987	585	110,200	67,400	9,000	26,300	7,500
1992	525	101,900	56,800	12,000	26,400	6,700
1997	550	106,400	62,700	10,200	25,900	7,600
2002	545	92,300	53,912	6,192	25,580	6,516
2003	515	89,900	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2004	500	88,700	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005	495	87,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	485	86,100	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	505	85,300	45,175	9,114	23,509	7,502
2008	505	84,100	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	342	271
\$10,000to\$49,999	106	139
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43	28
\$100,000 or more	71	68
Farms Reporting	562	506

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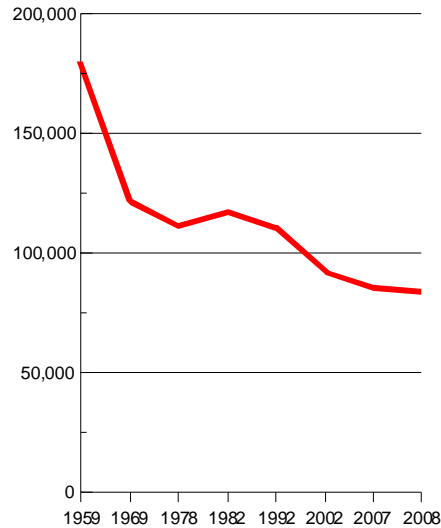
**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 2008, Rensselaer County's population ranked 21st in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Sq Mile
1940	121,800	186
1950	132,600	203
1960	142,600	218
1970	152,500	233
1980	151,900	232
1990	154,429	236
2000	152,540	233
2008	155,261	237

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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	25,970	N/A	N/A	1940	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	26,509	586	15,080	1950	N/A	N/A	N/A
1959	26,593	584	15,421	1959	N/A	N/A	N/A
1969	20,109	1,318	10,842	1969	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	23,000	1,500	10,500	1978	10,600	12,100	128
1982	21,000	2,600	10,500	1982	10,500	12,800	134
1987	21,000	1,600	10,000	1987	9,400	13,600	128
1992	17,000	1,400	8,700	1992	9,300	15,300	142
1997	17,000	1,600	9,500	1997	8,500	16,000	136
2002	17,000	1,800	9,500	2002	9,700	17,000	165
2003	14,400	1,700	9,000	2003	9,900	19,300	191
2004	14,100	1,600	10,000	2004	10,200	19,200	196
2005	14,200	1,700	10,400	2005	9,900	19,700	195
2006	13,600	1,800	10,200	2006	9,800	19,100	187
2007	13,200	2,100	9,200	2007	7,000	19,300	135
2008	12,500	1,900	4,800	2008	7,000	19,900	139
2009	11,700	1,500	4,800	2009	N/A	N/A	N/A

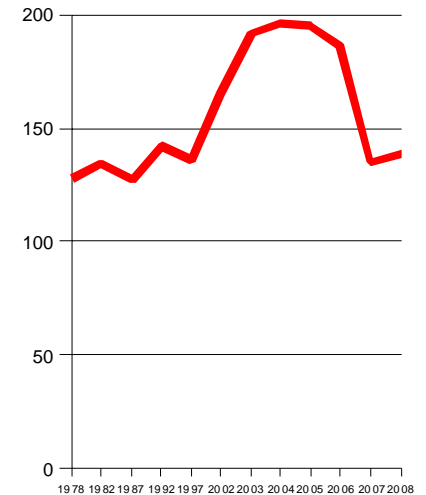
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**OATS-Acreage, Yield & Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
1940	N/A	7,185	30	213,350
1950	N/A	6,751	33	220,359
1959	N/A	5,866	45	265,116
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	1,500	1,100	52	57,200
1982	1,400	1,200	52	62,400
1987	2,100	800	57	45,600
1992	800	600	72	43,200
1997	500	500	52	26,000
2002	600	400	47	18,600
2003	800	700	51	35,400
2004	800	500	49	24,500
2005	800	700	48	33,400
2006	700	600	78	46,500
2007	700	300	59	17,700
2008	600	400	47	18,600

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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	1,118	38	101	\$809,000