

# Rockland County

## Farm Statistics

August 2009

### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>	
Less than \$1,000	6
\$1,000 to \$2,499	2
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3
\$10,000 to \$19,999	-
\$20,000 to \$24,999	-
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,857
Average per farm (\$)	88,434
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,083
Average per farm (\$)	51,549

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
<b>Principal operators by primary occupation:</b>	
Farming	9
Other	12
<b>Principal operators by sex:</b>	
Male	17
Female	4
<b>Average age of principal operator (years)</b>	61.0
<b>All operators by race <sup>1</sup>:</b>	
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
White	31
More than one race	-
<b>All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>1</sup></b>	1

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

Rockland County lies in the Hudson Valley Region bordering New York City. In 2008, there were 1,000 acres in farms, 1 percent of the county's total 111,070 acres. There were 21 farms in the county averaging 33 acres per farm. Rockland County ranks 56th in the state for number of farms and 55th for land in farms.

In 2007, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$2.5 million. Total sales averaged \$121,890 per farm.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2007 was \$651,265. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$82,463 per farm. Total production expenses in 2007 were \$1.8 million for an average of \$88,434 per farm. The Census showed 43 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 61 years. The U.S.D.A.'s Economic Research Service showed the median household income in 2007 was \$80,620.

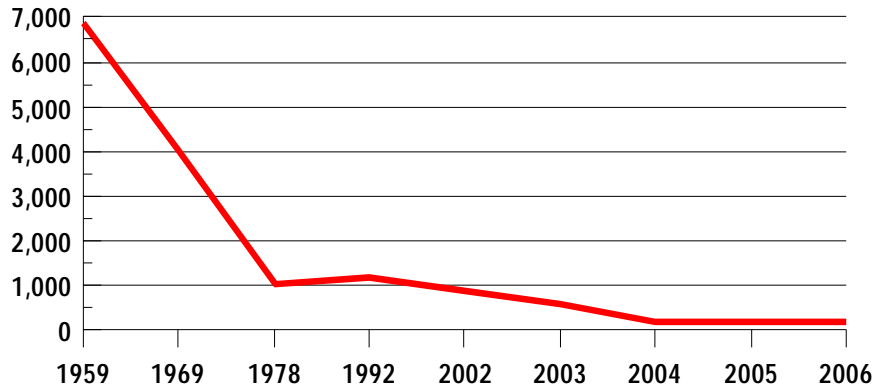
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**FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE**

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland	Permanent Pasture	Total Woodland	Other Land
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	355	18,711	N/A	N/A	5,325	N/A
1950	408	17,376	9,170	602	4,702	2,902
1959	100	6,852	4,000	600	1,281	971
1969	50	4,022	2,692	N/A	939	N/A
1978	37	1,069	679	140	95	155
1982	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1987	30	1,200	800	N/A	200	200
1992	30	900	600	N/A	300	N/A
1997	25	600	400	N/A	100	100
2002	30	1,000	581	28	391	N/A
2003	20	200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2004	20	200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005	20	200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	20	200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

**Land in Farms**  
(Acres)



**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 2008, Rockland County's population ranked 13th in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Sq Mile
1940	74,300	427
1950	89,300	513
1960	136,800	786
1970	229,900	1,321
1980	259,500	1,491
1990	265,475	1,524
2000	286,755	1,646
2008	298,545	1714

U.S. Census of Population

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

Year	Total Equine	Rank in State
2007	115	56