

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

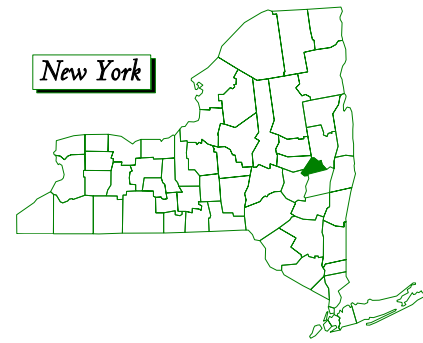
Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	3,341	629	29	18,088	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	2,026	322	42	13,565	1,238	7.7	12,943
1959	1,746	365	33	12,143	N/A	7.0	8,713
1969	1,300	300	84	25,200	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	1,400	300	83	49,800	800	14.5	11,600
1982	1,200	400	75	30,000	800	11.5	9,200
1987	1,000	200	86	17,200	700	13.0	9,100
1992	1,400	400	89	35,400	800	15.4	12,300
1997	900	300	104	31,200	600	14.0	8,400
2002	300	N/A	N/A	N/A	300	13.0	3,900
2003	400	200	101	20,200	200	18.0	3,600
2004	500	400	112	44,700	100	14.0	1,400
2005	700	400	98	39,300	300	16.7	5,000
2006	600	100	22	2,200	400	8.8	3,500
2007	1,000	400	111	44,200	500	12.2	6,100
2008	400	200	101	20,200	300	13.0	3,900

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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	389	1.8	699	21,097	0.9	18,751	21,486	0.9	19,450
1950	1,122	2.0	2,265	14,861	1.1	16,841	15,983	1.2	19,106
1959	1,713	1.8	3,072	11,596	1.2	13,698	13,312	1.3	16,770
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,415	1.5	14,491
1978	1,400	2.2	3,100	9,200	1.6	14,700	10,600	1.7	17,800
1982	1,500	2.6	3,900	7,900	1.6	12,600	9,400	1.8	16,500
1987	1,100	2.1	2,300	7,000	1.6	11,200	8,100	1.7	13,500
1992	1,300	2.1	3,100	4,900	1.7	8,500	6,200	1.9	11,600
1997	1,600	2.0	3,200	4,500	1.3	5,700	6,100	1.5	8,900
2002	1,200	1.5	1,800	6,100	1.4	8,700	7,300	1.4	10,500
2003	1,200	2.4	2,900	6,800	1.8	12,400	8,000	1.9	15,300
2004	1,100	5.0	5,500	3,800	1.1	4,300	4,900	2.0	9,800
2005	1,000	2.2	2,200	5,700	1.1	6,200	6,700	1.3	8,400
2006	1,300	1.6	2,100	3,300	1.6	5,200	4,600	1.6	7,300
2007	1,600	2.4	3,900	4,000	1.7	6,800	5,600	1.9	10,700
2008	1,200	2.0	2,400	5,200	1.55	8,000	6,400	1.63	10,400

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# Schenectady County

## Farm Statistics

August 2009

Schenectady County is located in east central New York. In 2008, there were 19,129 acres in farms, 15 percent of the county's total 130,825 acres. There were 194 farms in the county averaging 99 acres per farm. Schenectady County ranks 51st in the state for number of farms and 51st for land in farms.

In 2007, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$3.4 million. Total sales averaged \$18,014 per farm. The leading products sold were: Nursery & Floriculture, Vegetables & Potatoes, Hay, Milk & Dairy, and Cattle & Calves.

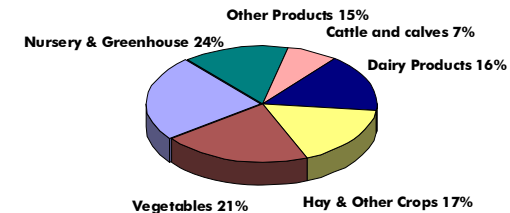
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2007 was \$354,700. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$57,727 per farm. Total production expenses in 2007 were \$4.9 million for an average of \$25,670 per farm. The Census showed 51 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 59.2 years. The U.S.D.A.'s Economic Research Service showed the median household income in 2007 was \$53,182.

**LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Product	2007 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
Nursery & Greenhouse	846	24	41
Vegetables	745	21	39
Hay & Other Crops	585	17	50
Dairy Products	571	16	50
Cattle and calves	244	7	50
Other Products	504	15	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>3,495</b>		<b>54</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	938	80,504	N/A	N/A	12,407	N/A
1950	600	60,501	40,148	5,180	10,736	4,437
1959	349	43,231	26,586	5,835	7,374	3,436
1969	274	34,552	21,098	N/A	6,765	N/A
1978	201	27,885	16,785	1,994	5,507	3,599
1982	209	24,405	15,171	1,167	5,116	2,951
1987	205	23,000	12,700	1,900	5,100	3,300
1992	180	21,100	11,800	900	6,000	2,400
1997	180	19,500	11,500	1,800	4,200	2,000
2002	200	21,700	11,983	1,848	6,186	1,683
2003	200	20,300	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2004	195	20,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005	195	19,600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	190	19,400	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	195	19,200	10,530	2,407	3,925	2,338
2008	195	18,900	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	137	145
\$10,000to\$49,999	46	34
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7	5
\$100,000 or more	10	10
Farms Reporting	200	194

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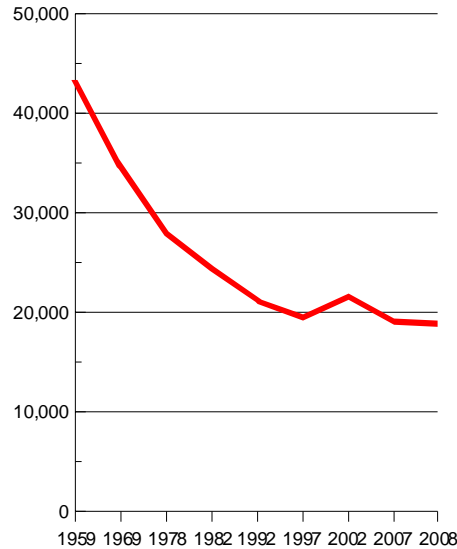
**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 2008, Schenectady County's population ranked 22nd in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Sq Mile
1940	122,500	595
1950	142,500	692
1960	152,900	742
1970	161,100	782
1980	149,900	728
1990	149,285	724
2000	146,555	711
2008	151,427	735

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**Land in Farms  
(Acres)**



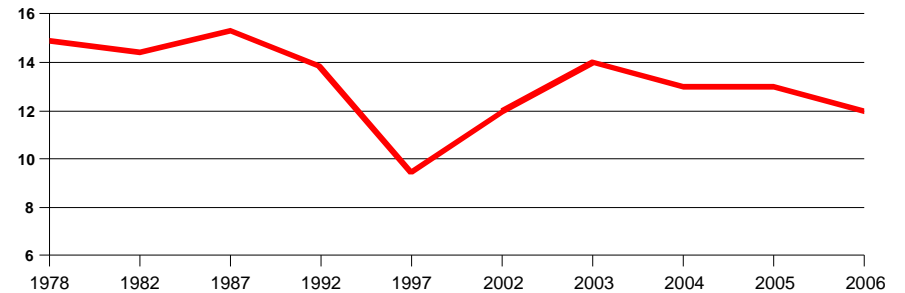
**CATTLE-Number on Farms Jan 1**

**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	7,094	N/A	N/A	1940	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	6,909	71	3,882	1950	N/A	N/A	N/A
1959	5,557	115	3,171	1959	N/A	N/A	N/A
1969	3,994	418	1,810	1969	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	3,600	500	1,400	1978	1,300	11,500	14.9
1982	3,300	900	1,200	1982	1,200	12,000	14.4
1987	4,000	700	1,300	1987	1,100	13,900	15.3
1992	1,700	300	700	1992	900	15,300	13.8
1997	1,500	300	600	1997	600	15,800	9.5
2002	1,500	500	800	2002	900	13,300	12.0
2003	1,600	500	900	2003	800	18,100	14.0
2004	1,500	500	700	2004	700	19,300	13.0
2005	1,600	500	600	2005	700	19,300	13.0
2006	1,600	500	600	2006	600	20,000	12.0
2007	1,600	600	600	2007	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008	1,500	500	N/A	2008	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	1,400	N/A	N/A	2009	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	669	52	30	\$51,000