



Westchester County

Farm Statistics

August 2009

Westchester County Census of Agriculture Facts

Number of Farms	106
Land in Farms	8,521 acres
Average size of Farm	80 acres
Market Value of Production	\$10.9 million
Crop Sales	\$5.5 million
Livestock	\$5.5 million
Average Age of Operator	56.8

Westchester County is located in southeastern New York near New York City. In 2008, there were 8,521 acres in farms, 3 percent of the county's total 275,530 acres. There were 106 farms in the county averaging 80 acres per farm. Westchester County ranks 52nd in the state for number of farms and 53rd for land in farms.

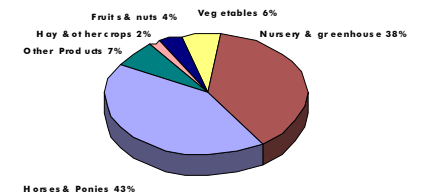
In 2007, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$11 million. Total sales averaged \$103,754 per farm. The leading products sold were: Horses & Mules, Nursery & Floriculture, Vegetables & Potatoes, Fruits & Nuts, and Hay.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2007 was \$2,557,300 Machinery and equipment was valued at \$105,567 per farm. Total production expenses in 2007 were \$15.7 million for an average of \$148,220 per farm. The Census showed 43 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 \$77,097.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	2007 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
Horses & Ponies	4,735	44	3
Nursery & greenhouse	4,256	39	19
Vegetables	616	6	45
Fruits & nuts	407	4	35
Hay & other crops	227	2	51
Other Products	757	7	
TOTAL SALES	10,998		51

Leading Agricultural Products
Percent of Total



2007 Census of Agriculture

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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	518	44,255	N/A	N/A	9,662	N/A
1950	664	48,545	20,430	5,709	12,960	9,446
1959	303	25,388	13,373	1,907	6,633	3,475
1969	133	15,168	8,398	N/A	2,711	N/A
1978	168	9,025	4,773	393	2,789	1,070
1982	158	10,423	5,272	596	3,004	1,551
1987	135	8,800	4,600	400	2,500	900
1992	115	6,300	3,500	N/A	900	1,900
1997	110	8,100	3,300	1,000	1,800	2,000
2002	130	9,900	2,462	1,270	4,843	1,325
2003	105	9,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2004	100	8,900	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005	100	8,700	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	100	8,600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	105	8,500	2,512	2,209	2,253	1,526
2008	105	8,400	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	82	58
\$10,000to\$49,999	14	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13	9
\$100,000 or more	20	24
Farms Reporting	129	106

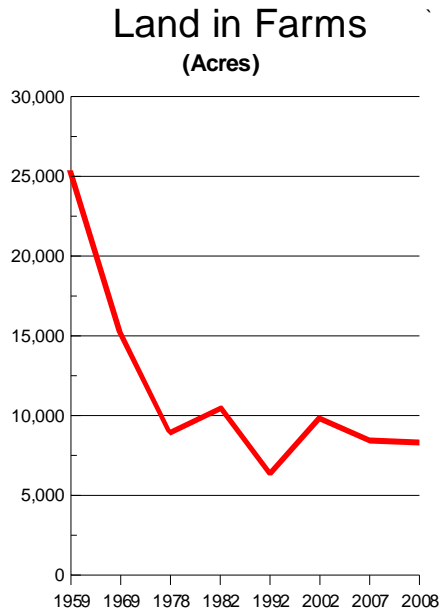
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RESIDENT POPULATION

In 2008, Westchester County's population ranked 7th in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Sq Mile
1940	573,600	1,325
1950	625,800	1,445
1960	808,900	1,868
1970	894,400	2,066
1980	866,600	2,001
1990	874,866	2,021
2000	923,459	2,134
2008	953,943	2,204

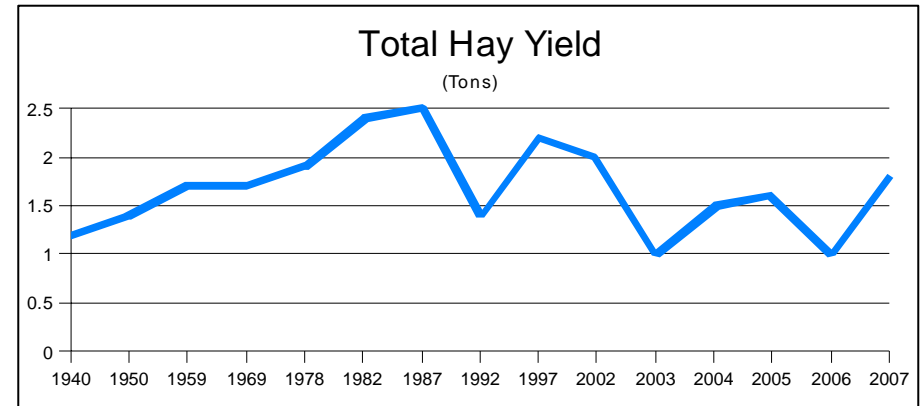
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HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
1940	449	2.0	897	6,745	1.1	7,755	7,194	1.2	8,652
1950	747	2.3	1,713	7,823	1.3	10,507	8,570	1.4	12,220
1959	471	2.4	1,141	3,527	1.6	5,470	3,998	1.7	6,611
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,451	1.7	4,109
1978	500	2.4	1,200	2,100	1.8	3,800	2,600	1.9	5,000
1982	200	2.5	500	1,800	2.4	4,300	200	2.4	4,800
1987	900	2.9	2,600	1,000	2.1	2,100	1,900	2.5	4,700
1992	500	1.8	900	900	1.1	1,000	1,400	1.4	1,900
1997	500	2.8	1,400	500	1.6	800	1,000	2.2	2,200
2002	200	2.5	500	300	1.7	500	500	2.0	1,000
2003	200	1.5	300	300	0.7	200	500	1.0	500
2004	200	2	400	200	1	200	400	1.5	600
2005	200	2	400	300	1.3	400	500	1.6	800
2006	200	1.5	300	200	0.5	100	400	1.0	400
2007	600	1.8	1,100	500	1.8	900	1,100	1.8	2,000
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture



EQUINE: Inventory and Value, Census of Agriculture, 2007

Year	Total Equine	Rank in State	Total Equine Sold	Value of Sales
2007	1,034	422	164	\$4,735,000