

FARMS AND FARMLAND UTILIZATION



The number of farms in New York (*places selling \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in a year*) totaled 36,000 in 2004, down from 37,000 in 2003. Land in farms totaled 7.60 million acres. Farmland accounts for 25 percent of the State's total land area.

Total cropland stands at 4.90 million acres and accounts for 64 percent of total land operated. Harvested cropland at 3.53 million acres represents 46 percent of total land operated. Field crops such as corn, hay, haylage and greenchop, small grains, potatoes, soybeans and other field crops account for 93.6 percent of the total cropland harvested. Vegetable crops make up 3.7 percent and fruit crops 2.7 percent.

Estimates of farmland utilization are shown in table 2 below. The estimates are based on annual surveys with over 6,000 farms reporting each year.

Table 2. **FARMS AND FARMLAND:** Number of Farms, Land in Farms and Land Use, New York, 1995-2004

Item	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number of farms	38,000	38,000	38,000	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,000	37,000	36,000
Acres per farm	208	205	205	207	206	205	204	207	207	211
	<i>Thousand acres</i>									
Land in farms	7,900	7,800	7,800	7,750	7,710	7,670	7,660	7,660	7,650	7,600
Cropland, Total	5,000	4,980	4,980	4,960	4,950	4,890	4,910	4,910	4,930	4,900
Cropland harvested, Total	3,700	3,730	3,760	3,750	3,810	3,580	3,740	3,730	3,760	3,530
Field crops harvested	3,446	3,482	3,510	3,499	3,563	3,325	3,478	3,480	3,512	3,305
Vegetable crops harvested	155	146	152	154	150	159	166	155	153	130
Fruit crops harvested	99	102	97	97	97	96	96	95	95	95
Cropland Pasture	710	700	680	670	640	630	630	630	630	620
Other Cropland	590	550	540	530	500	680	540	550	540	750
Permanent Pasture ^{1/}	680	670	670	660	640	630	630	630	620	610
Woodland ^{2/}	1,600	1,560	1,560	1,550	1,530	1,520	1,520	1,520	1,510	1,500
Other Land ^{3/}	620	590	590	590	590	590	600	600	590	590

^{1/} Excludes cropland and woodland pasture.

^{2/} Includes woodland pasture.

^{3/} Includes house lots, ponds, roads, waste, etc.