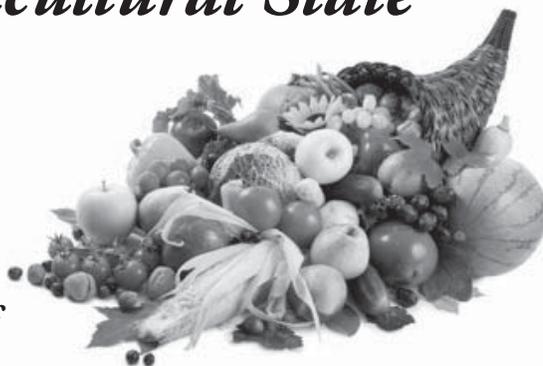


New York is an Agricultural State

Agriculture is important to New York State. Agricultural production returned almost \$4.5 billion to the farm economy in 2007. About 25 percent of the state's land area, or 7.50 million acres are used by the 34,200 farms to produce a very diverse array of food products. Here are some of the items in which New York ranks high nationally:



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Dairy and animal production in New York provided \$2.73 billion in receipts to farmers in 2007. That accounts for 61 percent of all cash receipts.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Milk is New York's leading agricultural product and is produced all across the state. Milk sales account for one-half of total agricultural receipts. Production in 2007 was 12.1 billion pounds with a preliminary value of \$2.38 billion in receipts. New York is the nation's 3rd leading producer and Wyoming is the State's leading county.

MEAT PRODUCTION

New York livestock producers marketed 203 million pounds of meat animals during 2007 bringing in \$119 million in cash receipts. Sales from cattle and calves accounted for \$105 million, hogs and pigs returned \$10.7 million, and sheep and lambs provided \$3.24 million.

POULTRY PRODUCTION

The receipts of New York eggs, ducks, broilers and turkeys plus the receipts for other chickens totaled \$123 million for 2007. Eggs made up \$78.6 million of the total followed by turkeys at \$8.24 million. New York ranks 22nd among all egg producing states.

CROP PRODUCTION

Field crops, fruits and vegetables returned \$1.73 billion in receipts to New York farmers in 2007.

FRUITS

The value of New York's 2007 tree fruit and grape cash receipts totaled \$333 million, up 23 percent from the 2006 value. The value of receipts was above the previous year for all fruits except pears and peaches.

Apples

New York ranks 2nd nationally in apple production with receipts worth about \$249 million in 2007. Three general areas produce most of the apples: along the southern Lake Ontario shore, along the Hudson Valley, and along the upper Lake Champlain Valley. New York's leading varieties are McIntosh, Empire, Red Delicious, and Cortland.

Grapes

Wine and juice grape production place New York 3rd behind California and Washington. The crop was worth \$49.2 million in receipts in 2007. Three-fourths of the production was for juice and one-fourth went into wines. The four major producing areas are Lake Erie area, the Finger Lakes, the Hudson Valley and the eastern end of Long Island.

Tart Cherries

Production in New York ranks 4th in the Nation. Production in 2007 totaled 11.3 million pounds with a cash receipts value of \$4.37 million.

Pears

Production ranked 4th in the nation with 11,000 tons and had a cash receipts value of \$5.12 million.

Strawberries

Strawberries are the 3rd most valuable fruit in New York and places New York 7th in national production. Growers harvested 4.60 million pounds in 2007. The crop returned \$7.59 million in cash receipts to growers.



VEGETABLES

The value of vegetables cash receipts totaled \$648 million in 2007. Fresh market vegetable production ranks 5th and processing vegetable production ranks 7th among all states. Leading crops in New York are cabbage, sweet corn and onions.

Cabbage

New York produced the 2nd largest crop of cabbage in the Nation. Cabbage is principally grown south of Lake Ontario in Monroe, Genesee, Orleans, Ontario, and Niagara counties. New York cabbage is typically stored for sale as fresh during winter months. Value of the fresh market crop in 2007 totaled \$101 million.

Sweet Corn

Produced statewide, sweet corn had a value of receipts of \$72.6 million for fresh market. Concentrations are found in the Lower Hudson Valley and around the Genesee Valley. Production of fresh market sweet corn crop ranked 4th in the nation.

Onions

An important crop with a cash receipt value of \$94.2 million in 2007. Onions are grown in New York's muck soils in Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Madison and Wayne counties. The state ranked 5th in production for 2006.

Snap Beans

Grown in the Central and Western regions for fresh and processing. The 2007 fresh market crop was valued at \$49.7 million. New York ranks 4th in fresh market production.

Other Vegetables

Tomatoes: \$32.5 million, 12th nationally
Pumpkins: \$22.7 million, 4th nationally
Cucumbers: \$24.5 million, 6th nationally
Squash: \$28.4 million, 5th nationally
Green Peas for Processing: Not published
Cauliflower: \$53.8 million, 3rd nationally

FIELD CROPS

New York produces a variety of field crops largely in support of its dairy industry. Corn, oats and wheat are most widely grown with soybeans steadily increasing in importance. New York ranks 3rd in corn silage production with a value of \$262 million. Grain corn ranked 22nd with cash receipts of \$191 million. Soybean cash receipts were valued at \$75.2 million. The state placed 8th in oat production, 31st in wheat and 24th for soybeans production. Hay value put New York 22nd and was valued at \$327 million in 2007. Most hay is used on farms and its value is realized through sale of milk and livestock. Fall potatoes receipts reached a value of \$64 million in 2007 and made New York the 11th leading producer.

MAPLE SYRUP

At \$8.02 million, New York ranks 2nd behind Vermont in value. New York also ranks 2nd behind Vermont in 2008 production with 322,000 gallons

FLORICULTURE CROPS

In 2007, New York floriculture products were valued at \$199 million. Bedding and garden plants top the list of commodities. The wholesale value of New York's floriculture output ranks 6th nationally at \$199 million. A variety of crops are produced in 24.8 million square feet of covered area and on 838 acres of open ground. Christmas trees provide about \$21.3 million of sale.