

# County Estimates

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County estimates are published annually by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office for a number of crops, livestock, and farm land use categories. Acreage, yield, and production estimates are made for corn, soybeans, oats, wheat, and hay. A new publication standard was implemented in 2008 resulting in less counties being published. Livestock estimates include January 1 inventory of cattle, beef cows, and milk cows on farms, plus the annual average number of cows and total milk production. Also included are county estimates of the number of farms and total land in farms. District estimates are made for dry beans and barley.

Several important sources of information provide the basis for these annual county estimates. Preliminary estimates of crops, farm land uses and livestock numbers are developed from a large scale survey at the end of each year in which over 6,000 farmers across the state are contacted.

County acreage information from the Farm Service Agency also receives consideration in preparing several crop estimates. Annual milk production per cow is based on the combined results of milk production surveys conducted monthly throughout the year. Also, state and federal milk marketing order data by county are used in estimating cow numbers, rates of production, and total milk produced.

Revisions, if necessary, are made after considering data that become available after the original estimates are prepared. These include administrative data such as milk marketing receipts and the Census of Agriculture collected every five years.

County estimates prepared by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office include allowances for farmers not sampled, non-respondents, and inaccessible. Milk production totals that exceed reported marketings include a small quantity of milk on farms where produced. All county level estimates add to state level data shown elsewhere in this publication.