

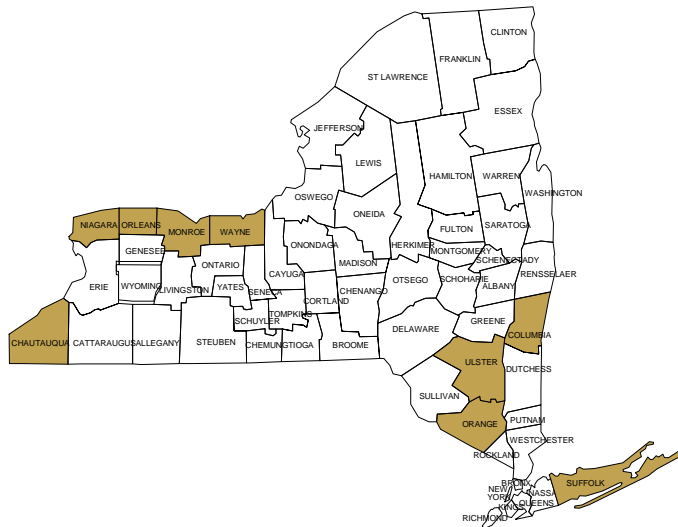
PEACHES

Peach acreage decreased 8 percent in 1996 to a total of 1,611 acres. Total trees, at 183,962, declined 6 percent from the 1990 total of 195,434. The number of farms with peaches dropped from 306 farms in 1990 to 207 farms in 1996, a decrease of 32 percent. The leading county for peach acreage in 1996 was Niagara County with 462 acres; 29 percent of the state total. Wayne County was ranked second with 260 acres, 16 percent of the state total. Suffolk was third with 177 acres. Ulster fourth with 136 acres, and Monroe fifth with 132 acres.

LEADING PEACH COUNTIES

County	Trees		
	1985	1990	1996
Niagara	71,120	35,847	56,237
Wayne	34,666	30,748	31,253
Suffolk	33,209	25,824	18,898
Monroe	23,352	33,846	14,075
Orleans	12,328	14,195	8,645

LEADING PEACH COUNTIES - 1996



50 acres or more

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Number of farms, trees, and acres, by county, 1990 and 1996

County	1990			1996		
	Farms	Trees	Acres	Farms	Trees	Acres
Chautauqua	10	1,233	14	10	9,918	62
Columbia	25	8,497	83	15	4,666	58
Dutchess	11	1,475	30	8	6,398	44
Monroe	22	33,846	293	15	14,075	132
Niagara	42	35,847	271	25	56,237	462
Orange	10	9,036	74	9	8,821	99
Orleans	22	14,195	94	13	8,645	65
Schuyler	10	4,033	41	6	1,392	16
Suffolk	10	25,824	287	9	18,898	177
Ulster	32	13,227	154	18	13,317	136
Wayne	76	30,748	280	52	31,253	260
Other	36	17,473	136	27	10,342	100
TOTAL NEW YORK	306	195,434	1,757	207	183,962	1,611

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Number of farms and acres, by size, 1990 and 1996

Size Group	1990				1996			
	Farms		Acres		Farms		Acres	
<i>(Peach acres per farm)</i>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Less than 2	122	40	101	6	54	26	51	3
2 - 4.9	94	31	270	15	55	26	146	9
5 - 9.9	45	14	284	16	41	20	245	15
10 - 19.9	24	8	308	18	33	16	347	22
20+	21	7	794	45	24	12	822	51
TOTAL	306	100	1,757	100	207	100	1,611	100