

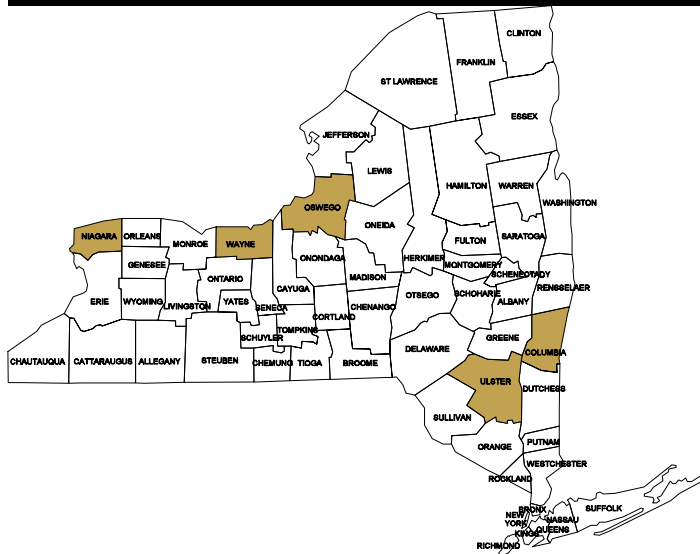
PEARS

Pear acreage decreased 19 percent from 1990 to 1,951 acres. Total trees decreased 23 percent to 214,866. There were a total of 209 farms with pear acreage in 1996 compared with 329 farms in 1990. This is a decrease of 36 percent. Niagara County moved into first place as the leading pear county with 587 acres, 30 percent of the state's total acreage. Wayne County remained in second place with 25 percent of the total acreage. Ulster County was third with 15 percent, Columbia was fourth with 8 percent, and Oswego fifth with 4 percent.

LEADING PEAR COUNTIES

County	Trees		
	1985	1990	1996
Niagara	60,365	41,928	56,675
Wayne	83,707	66,930	53,807
Ulster	36,336	83,546	40,275
Columbia	39,649	32,079	19,655
Oswego	16,145	17,822	16,281

LEADING PEAR COUNTIES - 1996



75 acres or more

PEARS

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

County	1990			1996		
	Farms	Trees	Acres	Farms	Trees	Acres
Columbia	40	32,079	298	18	19,655	159
Dutchess	11	2,181	32	7	6,594	35
Niagara	40	41,928	390	38	56,675	587
Orange	8	2,172	20	6	3,058	39
Orleans	12	9,452	98	5	5,873	51
Oswego	10	17,822	137	7	16,281	84
Ulster	58	83,546	622	33	40,275	288
Wayne	83	66,930	586	54	53,807	486
Other	67	24,316	223	41	12,648	222
TOTAL NEW YORK	329	280,426	2,406	209	214,866	1,951

PEARS

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

Size Group	1990				1996			
	Farms		Acres		Farms		Acres	
<i>(Pear 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	84	25	58	2	41	20	40	2
2 - 4.9	94	29	247	10	56	27	148	8
5 - 9.9	74	22	455	19	52	25	351	18
10 - 19.9	48	15	637	27	38	18	488	25
20+	29	9	1,009	42	22	10	924	47
TOTAL	329	100	2,406	100	209	100	1,951	100