

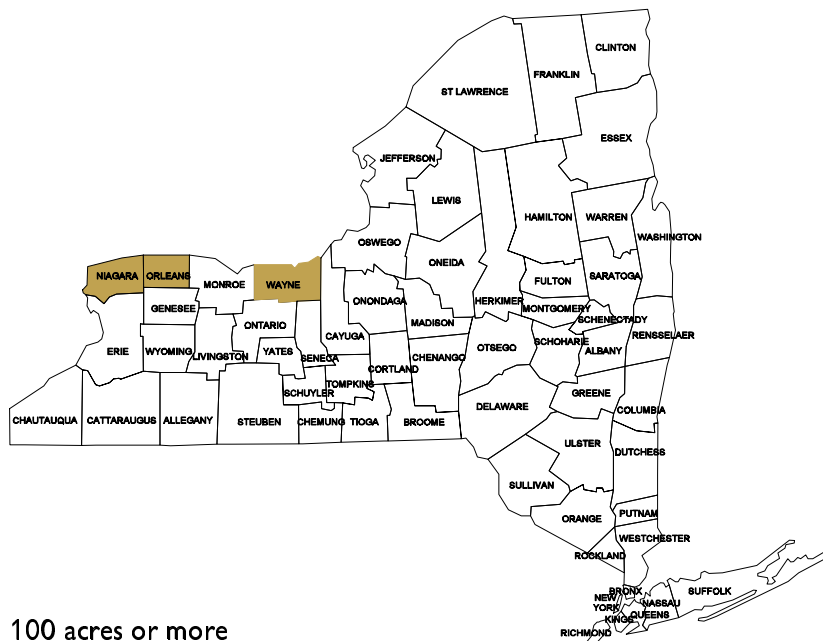
TART CHERRIES

Acreage of tart cherries decreased 32 percent from 1990 to 2,608 acres. The number of trees fell 31 percent to 270,475. Over 96 percent of the tart cherry trees are located along Lake Ontario in Western New York. The number of farms dropped 40 percent to 130 growers. Wayne County led the state with 1,729 acres; 66 percent of the state acreage. Niagara County was second with 611 acres or 23 percent of the total. Ten percent of the total acreage was planted from 1992 to the present, while half of the acreage was planted in 1981 or earlier.

LEADING TART CHERRY COUNTIES

County	Trees		
	1985	1990	1996
Wayne	371,203	243,887	176,122
Niagara	85,698	65,070	61,114
Orleans	164,522	57,328	18,423
Monroe	26,166	17,477	6,523

LEADING TART CHERRY COUNTIES - 1996



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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	7	788	22	7	1,179	18
Columbia	6	1,711	20	5	1,014	12
Monroe	7	17,477	121	2	6,523	33
Niagara	23	65,070	710	20	61,114	611
Orleans	20	57,328	492	10	18,423	147
Schuyler	5	468	6	4	600	7
Wayne	115	243,887	2,394	63	176,122	1,729
Other	35	6,219	66	19	5,500	51
TOTAL NEW YORK	218	392,948	3,831	130	270,475	2,608

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

Size Group	1990				1996			
	Farms		Acres		Farms		Acres	
<i>(Tart cherry acres per</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	50	23	36	1	23	18	22	1
2 - 4.9	32	15	87	2	20	15	54	2
5 - 9.9	32	15	217	6	29	22	188	7
10 - 19.9	49	22	636	17	26	20	326	13
20+	55	25	2,855	74	32	25	2,018	77
TOTAL	218	100	3,831	100	130	100	2,608	100

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Number of acres and trees by year planted, by county, 1996

County	Farms	1992-96		1982-1991		1981 & earlier		Total Acres	Total Trees
		Acres	Trees	Acres	Trees	Acres	Trees		
Chautauqua	7	-	-	11	732	7	447	18	1,179
Columbia	5	<u>1/</u>	102	10	844	<u>1/</u>	68	12	1,014
Monroe	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	32	6,480	33	6,523
Niagara	20	19	2,039	251	24,778	341	34,297	611	61,114
Orleans	10	-	-	44	5,492	103	12,931	147	18,423
Schuyler	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	6	480	7	600
Wayne	63	242	24,796	714	71,502	773	79,824	1,729	176,122
Other	19	<u>1/</u>	176	<u>1/</u>	1,006	39	4,318	51	5,500
TOTAL	130	265	27,113	1,041	104,517	1,302	138,845	2,608	270,475

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Included in total.