

Agriculture is important to New York State. Agricultural production returned over \$3.4 billion to the farm economy in 2006. About 25% of the state's land area, or 7.50 million acres are used by the 35,000 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 \$1.98 billion in receipts to farmers in 2006. That accounts for 57 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 2006 was 12.1 billion pounds with a preliminary value of \$1.61 billion. New York is the nation's 3rd leading producer and Wyoming is the State's leading county.

Meat Production

New York livestock producers marketed 228 million pounds of meat animals during 2006 bringing in \$172 million in cash receipts. Sales from cattle and calves accounted for \$157 million, hogs and pigs returned \$11.4 million, and sheep and lambs provided \$2.59 million.

Poultry Production

The receipts of New York eggs, ducks, broilers and turkeys plus the receipts for other chickens totaled \$92.4 million for 2006. Eggs made up \$39.5 million of the total followed by broilers at \$11.3 million. New York ranks 22nd among all egg producing states.

Crop Production

Field crops, fruits and vegetables returned \$1.50 billion to New York farmers in 2006.



NEW YORK FARMS

Number, Acres, and Value Selected Years

Year	No. of Farms	Acres per farm	All land in farms	Value Land/Buildings	
				Total	Per Farm
	(000)	Acres	Mill. Acres	Million \$	1,000 \$
2004	36.0	211	7.60	13,528	376
2005	35.6	212	7.55	14,496	407
2006	35.0	214	7.50	15,375	439

CASH RECEIPTS FOR NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS

Category	2004	2005	2006	% of Total
	<i>Million \$</i>			
Livestock & Products	2,299	2,327	1,982	79.8
Vegetable Crops	462	469	553	22.3
Greenhouse, Nursery	355	382	403	11.6
Field Crops	215	194	223	6.4
Fruit Crops	236	242	265	7.6
All Commodities	3,617	3,666	3,482	-

NEW YORK'S LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Products	2006 Cash Receipts <i>Million \$</i>	Percent of Total
Dairy Products	1,610	46
Greenhouse & Nursery	403	12
Apples	197	6
Cattle and Calves	157	5
Hay	109	3
Corn for Grain	89	3
Sweet Corn	84	2
Potatoes	68	2
Cabbage	64	2
Snap Beans	63	2
Onions	46	1
Grapes	37	1



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FRUITS

Apples

New York ranks 2nd nationally with receipts worth about \$197 million in 2006. 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, Rome, Idared, and Red Delicious.

Grapes

Wine and juice grape production place New York 3rd behind California and Washington. The crop was worth \$37.0 million in receipts in 2006. 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 2006 totaled 10.4 million pounds with a value of \$3.24 million.

Pears

Production ranked 4th in the nation with 8,500 tons and had a value of \$6.69 million.

Strawberries

Strawberries are the 3rd most valuable fruit in New York and places New York 7th in national production. Growers harvested 5.20 million pounds in 2006. The crop returned \$7.48 million to growers.

VEGETABLES

The value of vegetables totaled \$554 million in 2006. Fresh market vegetable production ranks 5th and processing vegetable production ranks are 6th 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 2006 totaled \$64.1 million.

Sweet Corn

Produced statewide, sweet corn had a value of receipts of \$84.5 million. 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 with receipts worth \$75.6 million. Production of sweet corn for processing ranked 5th in the nation and was worth \$8.91 million.

Onions

An important crop with receipts of \$46.2 million in 2006. Onions are grown in New York's muck soils in Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Madison and Wayne counties. The state ranked 6th in production for 2006.

Snap Beans

Grown in the Central and Western regions for fresh and processing. The 2006 fresh market and processing crop was valued at \$48.1 million. Fresh production accounted for 76 percent of the total value. New York ranks 3rd in fresh market production and 2nd in the nation for production of snap beans for processing.

Other Vegetables

Tomatoes: \$30.8 million, 13th nationally
 Pumpkins: \$18.8 million, 6th nationally
 Cucumbers: \$26.4 million, 5th nationally
 Squash: \$28.3 million, 5th nationally
 Green Peas for Processing: \$13.4 million, 4th nationally
 Cauliflower: \$2.81 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 \$228 million. Grain corn ranked 18th with cash receipts of \$89.0 million. Soybean cash receipts were valued at \$47.2 million. The state placed 6th in oat production, 27th in wheat and 22nd for soybeans production. Hay receipts put New York 23rd and was valued at \$109 million in 2006. Most hay is used on farms and its value is realized through sale of milk and livestock. Fall potatoes receipts reached a value of \$67.6 million in 2006 and made New York the 14th leading producer.

MAPLE SYRUP

At \$8.02 million, New York ranks 2nd behind Vermont in value and 3rd with 224,000 gallons produced behind Vermont and Maine in 2006.

FLORICULTURE CROPS

In 2005, New York floriculture products were valued at \$200 million. Bedding and garden plants top the list of commodities. The wholesale value of New York's floriculture output ranks 5th nationally at \$200 million. A variety of crops are produced in 24.5 million square feet of covered area and on 963 acres of open ground. Christmas trees provide about \$21.3 million of sale.

