



ALLEGANY COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Allegany county lies in the southwestern part of the state bordering Pennsylvania. In 1998, there were 164,100 acres in farms, 25 percent of the county's total 659,200 acres. There were 855 farms in the county averaging 192 acres per farm. Allegany county ranks 13th in the state for number of farms and 20th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$34.9 million. Total sales averaged \$48,138 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle and calves, nursery and greenhouse, hay and silage and poultry products.

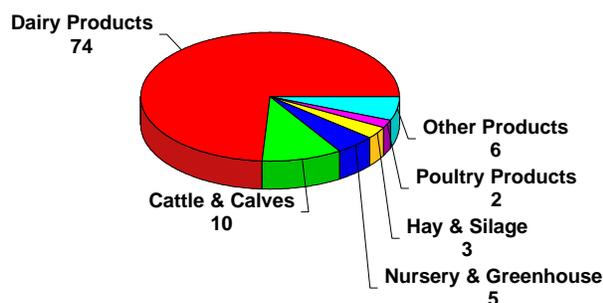
The average value of land and buildings per farm was \$162,682. Machinery and equipment was valued at \$32,788 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$28.5 million for an average of \$39,469 per farm. The Census showed 48 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 52.6 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$15,997.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	25,767	74	26
Cattle & Calves	3,585	10	25
Nursery & Greenhouse	1,681	5	31
Hay & Silage	1,139	3	36
Poultry Products	594	2	19
Other Products	2,086	6	
TOTAL SALES	34,852		36

1997 Census of Agriculture

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS Percent of Sales



FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms Acres	Total Cropland 1/ Acres	Permanent Pasture 2/ Acres	Total Woodland 3/ Acres	Other Land 4/ Acres
1940	3,018	442,088	5/	5/	78,568	5/
1950	2,604	416,425	192,260	96,447	106,349	21,369
1959	1,718	340,509	158,397	66,928	95,516	19,668
1969	1,112	254,489	132,322	5/	70,547	5/
1978	961	231,367	124,792	19,446	68,607	18,522
1982	899	215,657	114,962	19,768	64,759	16,168
1987	890	200,000	105,500	18,100	60,200	16,200
1992	800	177,700	94,600	19,000	51,100	13,000
1993	810	175,300	93,500	18,200	49,900	13,700
1994	830	171,400	92,800	17,200	48,000	13,400
1995	835	171,300	93,600	16,800	47,400	13,500
1996	850	169,100	94,000	16,200	45,500	13,400
1997	865	169,500	94,800	15,800	44,900	14,000
1998	855	164,100	93,500	15,000	42,300	13,300

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured. 3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	359	438
\$10,000 to \$49,999	145	143
\$50,000 to \$99,999	77	56
\$100,000 or more	101	87
Farms Reporting	682	724

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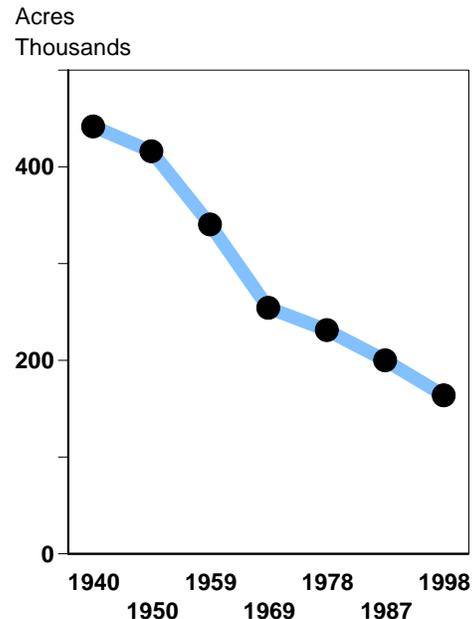
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 48th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	39,700	39
1950	43,800	43
1960	44,000	43
1970	46,500	45
1980	51,700	50
1990	50,500	49
1998	50,997	49

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms



CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	39,029	1/	1/
1950	40,692	768	23,116
1959	40,948	991	21,763
1969	35,080	2,785	15,866
1978	33,000	2,700	14,500
1982	33,000	2,700	14,500
1987	31,000	2,200	14,500
1992	28,000	2,200	12,000
1993	28,000	2,100	11,000
1994	28,000	2,600	11,000
1995	28,000	2,300	11,000
1996	28,000	2,200	10,000
1997	29,000	2,600	10,000
1998	30,000	2,800	11,500

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MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head Pounds Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	14,300	11,200	160.2
1982	15,500	11,800	182.9
1987	13,500	14,000	189.0
1992	11,200	16,000	179.2
1993	11,000	15,500	170.5
1994	10,500	16,200	170.1
1995	10,500	17,100	179.6
1996	10,000	17,100	171.0
1997	10,000	16,500	165.0
1998	9,500	17,000	161.5

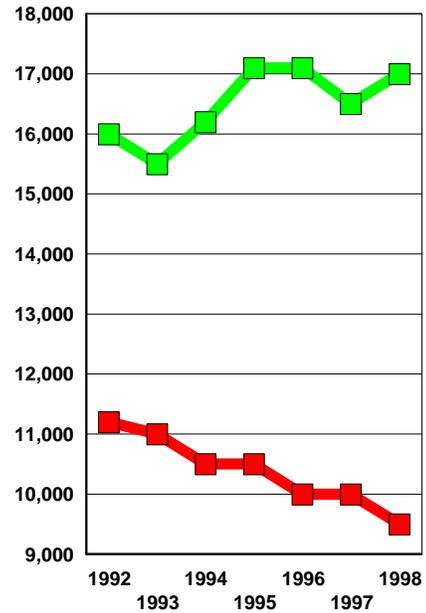
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OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	20,790	31.1	645,958
1950	1/	21,285	24.9	530,937
1959	1/	20,413	50.3	1,027,461
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	9,500	7,600	47.0	357,200
1982	6,800	6,500	58.0	377,000
1987	6,100	4,300	59.0	253,700
1992	3,800	3,100	73.0	226,300
1993	3,500	2,700	57.0	153,900
1994	3,300	2,800	64.0	179,200
1995	3,100	2,900	59.0	170,000
1996	2,400	2,000	55.0	110,100
1997	2,800	2,500	62.0	155,000
1998	3,600	3,000	59.0	177,000

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MILK: Cows & Production



■ Annual Avg. Milk Cows
■ Average Production Per Cow

EQUINE: Inventory and Value,

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
834	27	\$147,000	32

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	9,265	845	35.9	30,356	1/	1/	1/
1950	8,313	1,168	48.2	56,289	6,878	10.1	69,810
1959	8,425	1,696	53.2	90,226	6,533	10.0	65,619
1969	9,700	2,400	94.0	225,600	1/	1/	1/
1978	16,300	5,300	93.0	492,900	10,800	13.5	145,800
1982	17,200	5,500	91.0	500,600	11,300	11.5	133,000
1987	14,500	4,700	102.0	479,400	9,500	14.0	145,800
1992	12,100	3,000	74.0	222,000	8,600	11.9	102,300
1993	11,400	2,400	85.0	204,000	8,900	13.2	117,500
1994	11,500	2,500	116.0	290,600	9,000	16.9	151,700
1995	12,500	2,800	98.0	274,000	9,600	14.4	138,600
1996	13,600	3,000	96.0	289,200	10,400	16.0	166,000
1997	13,800	2,900	108.0	313,200	10,800	15.1	163,100
1998	12,800	2,600	114.0	295,700	10,200	17.0	173,400

1940 - 1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	2,582	1.9	4,802	80,612	1.0	82,888	83,194	1.1	87,690
1950	2,702	1.6	4,359	66,742	1.1	75,079	69,444	1.1	79,438
1959	10,994	2.2	24,031	47,435	1.7	80,327	58,429	1.8	104,358
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	52,716	2.0	103,419
1978	21,000	2.7	56,700	45,700	1.9	86,800	66,700	2.2	143,500
1982	16,800	2.4	40,300	43,100	1.8	77,600	59,900	2.0	117,900
1987	15,000	2.6	39,200	40,000	1.9	74,100	55,000	2.1	113,300
1992	12,400	2.2	27,300	27,000	2.0	55,000	39,400	2.1	82,300
1993	10,800	2.6	27,900	31,600	1.6	51,900	42,400	1.9	79,800
1994	9,600	3.1	29,800	31,300	1.9	58,500	40,900	2.2	88,300
1995	10,500	2.6	27,300	28,100	1.8	49,900	38,600	2.0	77,200
1996	10,500	2.7	28,300	24,900	1.8	46,000	35,400	2.1	74,300
1997	9,300	2.7	24,800	25,200	2.1	53,500	34,500	2.3	78,300
1998	8,700	2.5	21,900	22,900	2.1	48,800	31,600	2.2	70,700

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available