

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

April 2000

Cattaraugus county lies in the southwestern part of the state bordering Pennsylvania. In 1998, there were 204,000 acres in farms, 24 percent of the county's total 838,400 acres. There were 1,125 farms in the county averaging 181 acres per farm. Cattaraugus county ranks 5th in the state for number of farms and 11th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$53.5 million. Total sales averaged \$56,526 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, nursery and greenhouse, cattle and calves, hay and silage, and fruit and berries.

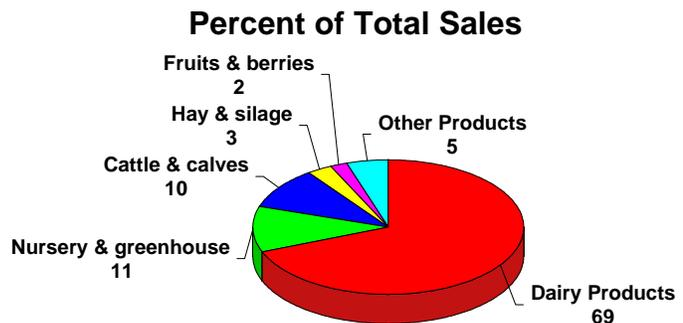
The average value of land and buildings per farm was \$191,978. Machinery and equipment was valued at \$45,507 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$42.5 million for an average of \$44,976 per farm. The Census showed 53 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. 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 \$17,748.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	36,991	69	18
Nursery & greenhouse	6,018	11	7
Cattle & calves	5,562	10	13
Hay & silage	1,586	3	24
Fruits & berries	1,118	2	21
Other Products	2,198	5	
TOTAL SALES	53,473		23

1997 Census of Agriculture

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



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	4,124	537,467	5/	5/	99,064	5/
1950	3,508	513,321	197,766	153,190	139,165	23,200
1959	2,254	394,919	158,412	109,744	106,425	20,338
1969	1,475	295,583	145,920	5/	83,695	5/
1978	1,262	268,528	145,062	29,029	75,472	18,965
1982	1,211	252,564	135,460	28,187	70,422	18,495
1987	1,225	243,000	131,900	26,100	68,600	16,400
1992	1,110	224,000	119,100	25,700	61,400	17,800
1993	1,115	221,000	117,800	24,600	59,900	18,700
1994	1,120	215,100	114,800	23,300	58,300	18,700
1995	1,115	214,300	113,700	22,900	58,400	19,300
1996	1,130	211,200	112,400	22,200	57,000	19,600
1997	1,135	210,700	111,200	21,700	57,100	20,700
1998	1,125	204,000	109,700	20,600	53,800	19,900

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	429	505
\$10,000 to \$49,999	227	206
\$50,000 to \$99,999	116	92
\$100,000 or more	169	143
Farms Reporting	941	946

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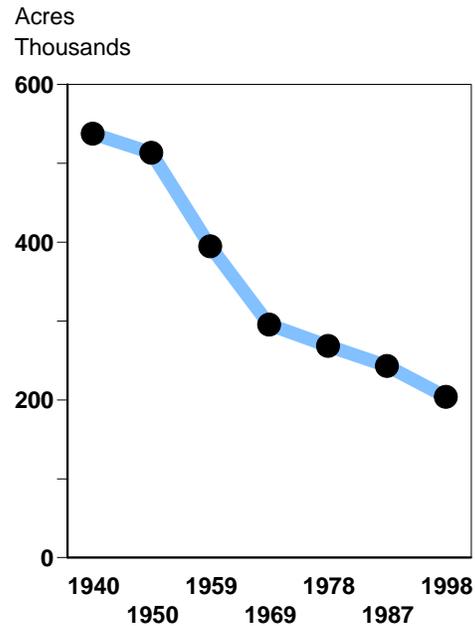
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 33rd in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	72,700	55
1950	77,900	59
1960	80,200	61
1970	81,700	62
1980	85,700	65
1990	84,200	64
1998	85,086	65

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	68,484	1/	1/
1950	68,166	1,062	41,955
1959	64,780	1,531	37,430
1969	55,673	3,077	29,498
1978	55,000	2,600	31,000
1982	64,000	2,900	27,500
1987	52,000	2,200	25,000
1992	47,000	2,000	22,000
1993	47,000	2,600	22,000
1994	46,000	2,500	22,000
1995	44,000	2,100	21,000
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1997	41,000	2,100	20,500
1998	41,000	2,000	21,000

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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	30,400	10,800	328.3
1982	27,500	11,200	308.0
1987	24,500	13,700	335.7
1992	22,000	15,500	341.0
1993	22,000	15,500	341.0
1994	21,000	16,200	340.2
1995	21,500	16,700	359.1
1996	21,500	16,600	356.9
1997	21,000	16,700	350.7
1998	20,500	17,100	350.5

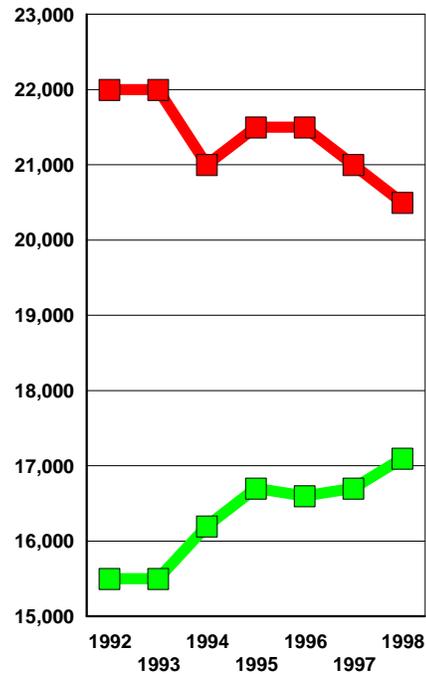
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OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	20,915	34.2	714,330
1950	1/	18,686	26.9	502,319
1959	1/	15,570	53.0	825,552
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	7,000	4,600	52.0	239,200
1982	6,900	5,800	58.0	336,400
1987	6,100	4,000	56.0	224,000
1992	4,100	2,700	74.0	199,800
1993	3,800	2,500	65.0	162,500
1994	3,700	2,100	71.0	149,100
1995	3,400	2,200	60.0	131,200
1996	2,400	2,000	56.0	112,100
1997	2,800	2,500	63.0	157,500
1998	3,500	2,800	63.0	176,400

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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
1417	7	\$125,000	34

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	15,416	1,948	33.6	65,430	1/	1/	1/
1950	13,119	1,938	50.8	98,422	10,741	9.6	102,672
1959	11,384	2,155	58.6	126,229	9,083	10.9	98,553
1969	14,600	1,600	95.0	152,000	1/	1/	1/
1978	24,900	5,200	86.0	447,200	19,300	13.5	260,550
1982	23,300	5,700	79.5	453,200	16,900	13.2	223,100
1987	23,000	6,200	117.0	725,400	16,300	14.5	236,300
1992	24,400	5,200	79.0	410,800	18,100	10.2	184,600
1993	20,500	4,400	83.0	365,200	15,900	14.9	236,900
1994	20,700	4,600	115.0	530,000	16,100	16.7	268,200
1995	20,600	5,000	98.0	489,300	15,500	14.2	219,500
1996	20,400	5,000	96.0	482,000	15,100	15.7	236,500
1997	20,800	4,800	133.0	542,400	15,800	15.5	244,900
1998	19,300	4,400	113.0	496,200	14,900	16.8	250,300

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	2,305	2.0	4,684	96,997	1.4	137,909	99,302	1.4	142,593
1950	2,792	1.8	4,992	87,936	1.4	102,571	90,728	1.4	125,563
1959	17,382	2.4	41,281	57,273	1.9	108,223	74,655	2.0	149,504
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	66,192	2.2	145,896
1978	22,000	2.6	57,200	50,500	1.9	96,000	72,500	2.1	153,200
1982	23,000	2.8	64,400	46,300	2.1	97,200	69,300	2.3	161,600
1987	25,000	3.1	77,800	42,000	2.2	93,500	67,000	2.6	171,300
1992	16,900	2.7	46,200	28,400	2.0	55,400	45,300	2.2	101,600
1993	13,800	2.6	35,400	32,000	2.1	67,000	45,800	2.2	102,400
1994	12,200	3.1	37,800	31,700	2.4	75,600	43,900	2.6	113,400
1995	13,600	2.7	36,700	28,400	2.3	64,100	42,000	2.4	100,800
1996	12,900	2.8	36,100	26,100	2.2	57,500	39,000	2.4	93,600
1997	12,700	3.0	37,500	25,400	2.1	52,500	38,100	2.4	90,000
1998	11,900	2.8	33,100	23,000	2.1	48,200	34,900	2.3	81,300

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available